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PENNSYLVANIA,

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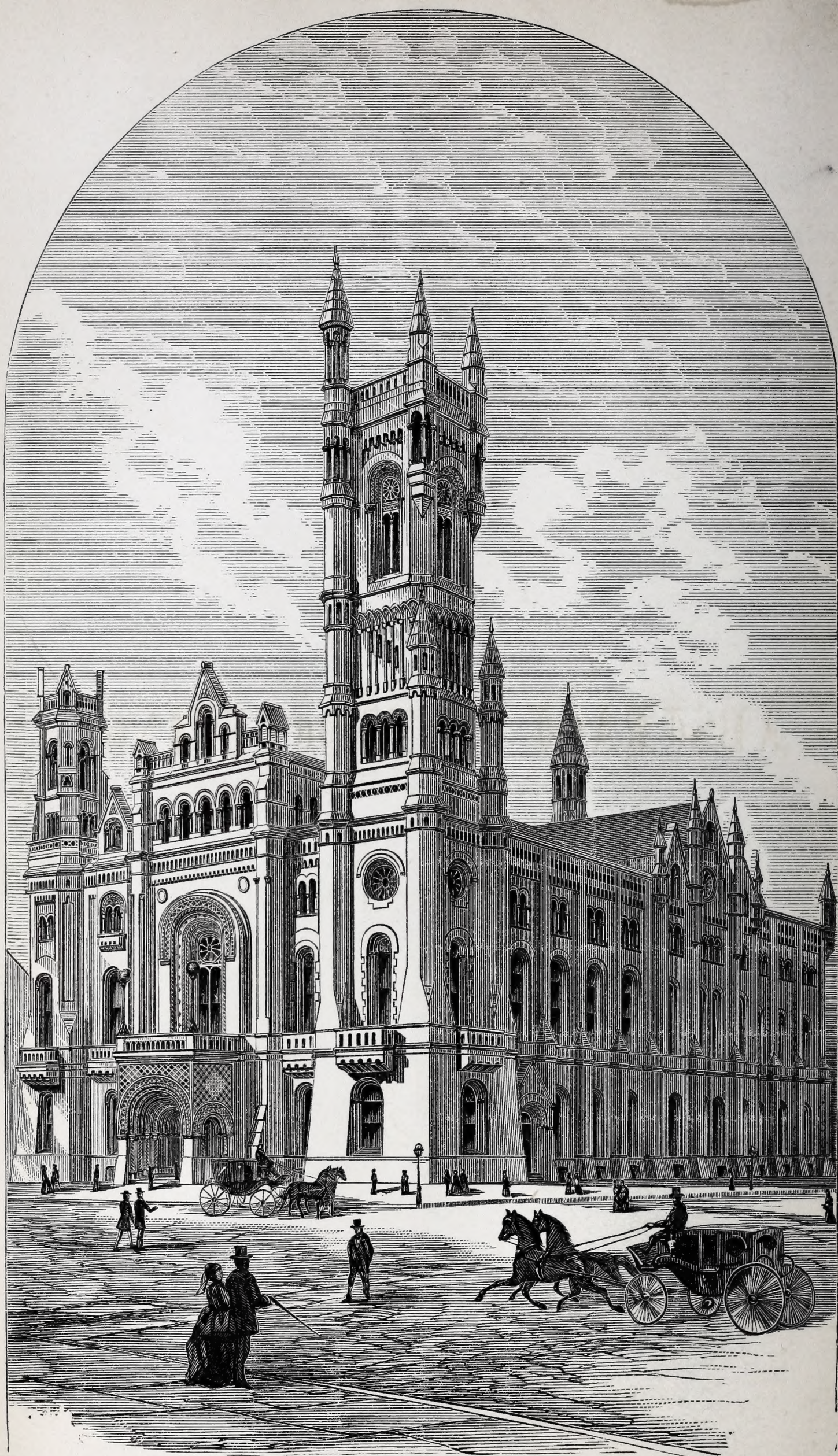
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ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS







GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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ABSTRACT

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

OF THE

MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania,

AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING.

BEING EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF ITS QUARTERLY  
AND ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATIONS

DURING THE YEAR A. D. 1877---A. L. 5877.



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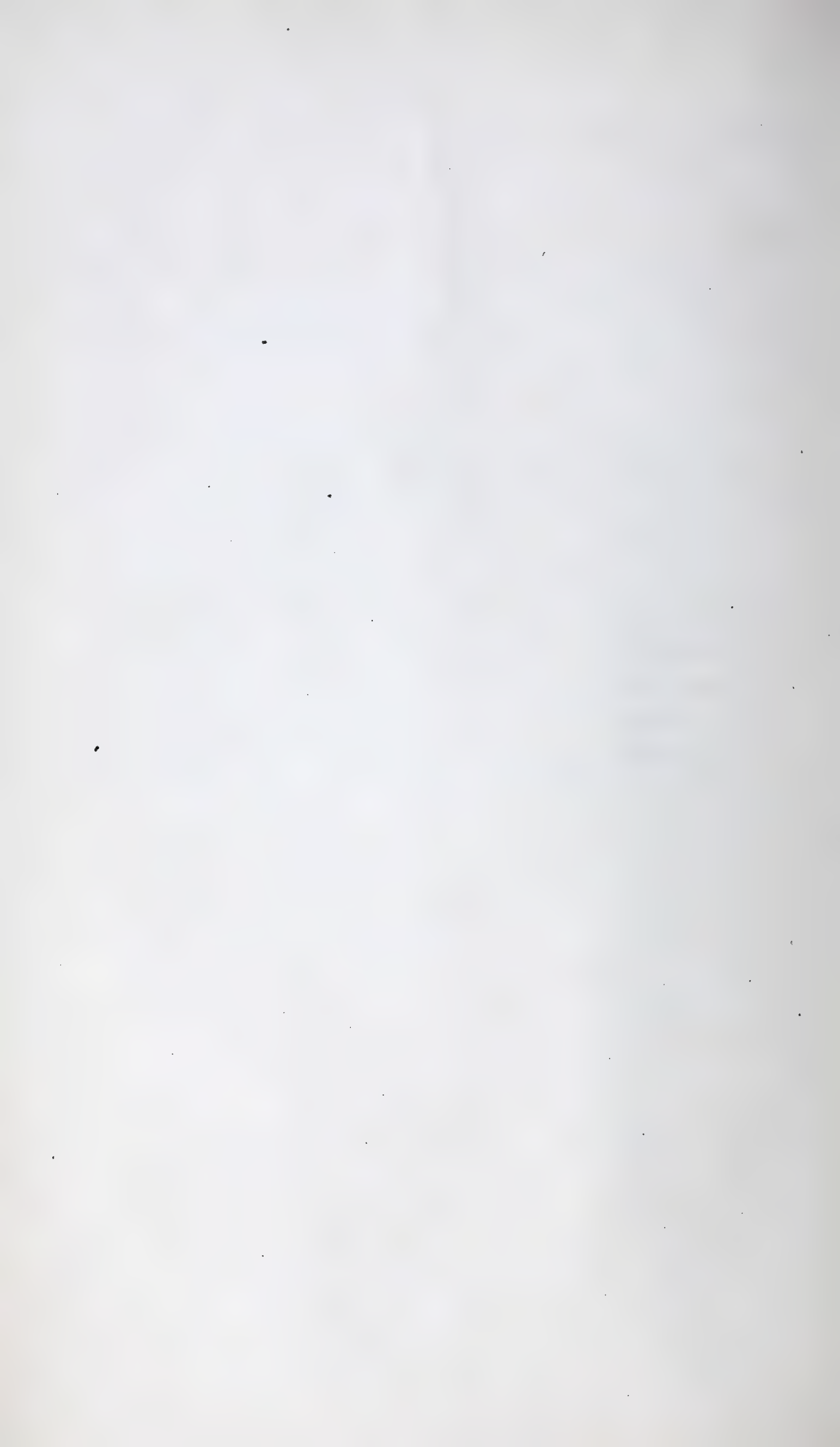


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# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, June 6th, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877.

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Brother ROBERT CLARK, Right Worshipful Grand Master, in the Chair.

Ninety six Lodges represented.

The Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7.20 o'clock P. M.

The following letter from ROBERT H. HINCKLEY, Esq., which accompanied the portrait of our late Grand Chaplain, Reverend Brother JOHN CHAMBERS, D. D., was read :

PHILADELPHIA, *March 19th*, 1877.

DEAR SIR :—

I have sent you to-day, by the hands of Mr. JAMES S. EARLE, a very fine portrait of Rev. JOHN CHAMBERS, D. D. It was the desire of Mrs. MATILDA CHAMBERS, his widow, lately deceased, at whose instance the portrait was painted from life, that the Grand Lodge of



Free Masons should possess the picture. She so expressed herself to me frequently, and on one occasion so told your Grand Treasurer, THOMAS R. PATTON, Esq. No mention of the picture was made in the wills, either of Dr. or Mrs. CHAMBERS, but in accordance with the wish of the latter, with full consent of the family and of the executor, I put the portrait in your possession, as Grand Master of the fraternity, with the request that you have it securely hung in such place in your beautiful Temple that all who see it may be reminded of one who loved the Order, and who so frequently in the Lodge-room led the brethren very close to God in earnest and heartfelt prayer to the Great Father of Mercies.

Very truly and respectfully yours,

ROBERT H. HINCKLEY, JR.,

*Executor Rev. John Chambers, &c.*

*To ROBERT CLARK, Esq.,*

*R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.*

The R. W. Grand Master stated that he had accepted and acknowledged the receipt of the portrait, when, on motion, the letter of ROBERT H. HINCKLEY, JR., was ordered to be spread upon the minutes and the portrait accepted.

Office of the R. W. Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Penna., &c.,  
Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, March 28th, 1877.

ROBERT H. HINCKLEY, JR. Esq.

*Dear Sir:—*Your favor of 19th inst. was duly received, giving me the gratifying information of the presentation to this Grand Lodge of the portrait of



our highly esteemed and worthy Brother, Rev. JOHN CHAMBERS, D. D., who was at the time of his decease the Senior Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, having officiated as such for a period of nearly a quarter of a century. The portrait was also received and is now in the office of our Grand Secretary. At the next meeting of the Grand Lodge I will have it properly presented to that body, and I have no doubt it will be fully appreciated as a remembrance of one whom we all were delighted to see, and to listen to the fervent prayers and supplications as offered by him to the Great Architect of the Universe.

Allow me to express my sincere and heartfelt acknowledgments to the family of our departed Brother, and also to you individually for the kind sentiments expressed by you towards our beloved fraternity.

Very truly and respectfully yours,

ROBERT CLARK,

*R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.*

The R. W. Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master, Brother JOHN THOMSON, offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

*Whereas*, This Grand Lodge has heard with emotions of deep regret the sudden decease of Brother GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, late R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; and

*Whereas*, Brother GEORGE FRANK GOULEY was acknowledged as a bright and particular star in the Masonic firmament. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge sympathizes with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, and the fraternity



in general, on the loss of one who was eminently endowed for the Masonic positions with which he was honored, and that his sudden decease has created a void not easily to be filled.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge mourns with the family of the deceased in their sore affliction, and trusts that the Great Shepherd who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb will have them in His Fatherly keeping.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, and also a copy to the widow of the deceased.

JOHN THOMSON, P. G. M.,

*Grand Secretary.*



# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, Sept. 3th, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877.

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Brother ROBERT CLARK, Right Worshipful Grand Master, in the Chair.

Seventy-three Lodges represented.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report as to Lodges and Members of this jurisdiction, as follows :

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*

The Grand Secretary respectfully presents the following Annual Report of the Lodges and Membership of this Jurisdiction for the Masonic year ending December 27th, A. D. 1876, A. L. 5876.

The number of Lodges December 27th, 1875, was	-	370
Constituted in 1876,	- - - - -	5

Making the number of Lodges December 27th, 1876,	-	375
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The number of Members December 27th, 1875, was - 38,236

There were admitted in 1876, - - - 372

" " initiated in 1876, - - - 1,334

Add Lodge which failed to report in 1875, and

subsequent corrections, - - - 82

———— 1,788

40,024

Resigned in 1876, - - - 424

Suspended or expelled in 1876, - - 1,328

Died in 1876, - - - 461

———— 2,213

Leaving the number of Members, December 27th, 1876, 37,811

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN THOMSON,

*Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, September 5th, A. D., 1877.



# LIST OF LODGES.

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR 1876.

NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS Dec. 27th, 1876.	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.
2	Philadelphia, . . . . .	230	1	6		9	4
3	Philadelphia, . . . . .	213		4	3	2	8
9	Philadelphia, . . . . .	191		7		3	8
19	Philadelphia, . . . . .	276	1	4	1	5	5
21	Harrisburg, . . . . .	200		6	1		1
22	Sunbury, . . . . .	120		6	1	3	4
25	Bristol, . . . . .	149		3		1	4
43	Lancaster, . . . . .	297	7	8	6	6	2
45	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	196	2	8	4	2	
51	Philadelphia, . . . . .	223		6	5		2
52	Philadelphia, . . . . .	176	1	2		5	1
59	Philadelphia, . . . . .	391	3	9	2	5	11
60	Brownsville, . . . . .	53	1	1	4	8	1
61	Wilkesbarre, . . . . .	152	1	4		19	2
62	Reading, . . . . .	322		4	2	9	4
67	Philadelphia, . . . . .	200		4		1	9
70	Athens, . . . . .	92	5	5	3		1
71	Philadelphia, . . . . .	222	1	5	1	10	2
72	Philadelphia, . . . . .	267		5	1	8	5
75	Phoenixville, . . . . .	177		7	1	9	1
81	Chestnut Hill, . . . . .	89		2		8	3
91	Philadelphia, . . . . .	192	3	5		4	3
106	Williamsport, . . . . .	165	2		3	16	1
108	Towanda, . . . . .	192	9	3			4
114	Philadelphia, . . . . .	226		6		3	6
115	Philadelphia, . . . . .	241		8	1	7	7
121	Philadelphia, . . . . .	251	1	5	2	2	4
125	Philadelphia, . . . . .	242	1	7			9
126	Philadelphia, . . . . .	194		5		12	5
130	Philadelphia, . . . . .	307		7		16	9



NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS Dec. 27th, 1876.	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.
131	Philadelphia, . . . . .	110		3		7	2
134	Philadelphia, . . . . .	183	4	9	3		3
135	Philadelphia, . . . . .	170	1	1	1	1	1.
138	Orwigsburg, . . . . .	60	1	1		2	1
143	Chambersburg, . . . . .	94		9			3
144	Lewisburg, . . . . .	74	1			1	
152	Easton, . . . . .	273	3	4	2	3	6
153	Waynesburg, . . . . .	65	1	2	1		
155	Philadelphia, . . . . .	370	4	4		12	8
156	Drumore Centre, . . . . .	113	1			5	
158	Philadelphia, . . . . .	438	3	12	2	11	9
163	Monroeton, . . . . .	49	3	1	1	5	
164	Washington, . . . . .	69	3	2	6	2	
186	Philadelphia, . . . . .	363	2	6	2	13	12
187	Philadelphia, . . . . .	243		5		16	8
190	Norristown, . . . . .	208		2		8	1
194	Selins Grove, . . . . .	119	1	1		6	2
197	Carlisle, . . . . .	77	1		1	2	1
199	Lock Haven, . . . . .	196	2	8	1		4
203	Lewistown, . . . . .	106	1			9	2
211	Philadelphia, . . . . .	360	3	6		3	1
216	Pottsville, . . . . .	237	1	5		1	1
218	Honesdale, . . . . .	135	5	5	1	13	2
219	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	286	5	9	6	6	6
220	Hollidaysburg, . . . . .	76		2	1	11	2
221	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	227		8	1	8	1
222	Minersville, . . . . .	74			1	1	1
223	Alleghany City, . . . . .	163	5	2	1	2	
224	Danville, . . . . .	77		2	1	20	2
225	Greensburg, . . . . .	144		6	1	7	1
226	Lebanon, . . . . .	153	1	5		3	5
227	Reading, . . . . .	373	2	4	3	3	3
228	Uniontown, . . . . .	98	1	1	1		
229	Rochester, . . . . .	95			2	5	
230	Philadelphia, . . . . .	249		6		5	1
231	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	97		1	3	2	
232	Jersey Shore, . . . . .	56	1	2			
233	Pittston, . . . . .	169	1	5	2	6	2
234	Meadville, . . . . .	141	3	3	3	6	2



NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS Dec. 27th, 1876.	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.
236	Chester, . . . . .	200		6			2
237	Beallsville, . . . . .	56			2	1	1
238	Tamaqua, . . . . .	140	2	2	1		
239	Freeport, . . . . .	36	2	5	2	3	1
240	Montrose, . . . . .	171		2			
241	Warren, . . . . .	126		4	2		3
242	Mauch Chunk, . . . . .	122	1	5			6
243	New Castle, . . . . .	97	1	1	2	21	1
244	Kittanning, . . . . .	105	2	1	1	6	2
245	Doylestown, . . . . .	174		3		4	
246	Philadelphia, . . . . .	371		11	3		7
247	Mansfield (Tioga Co.) .	12		1	1	12	1
248	Tunkhannock, . . . . .	121		2		1	
249	Carbondale, . . . . .	162	2	3			
250	Sharon, . . . . .	135	2	2	3		1
251	Mercer, . . . . .						
352	Fayette City, . . . . .	53		1	1	3	1
253	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	137	1	6	2	4	2
254	Pottstown, . . . . .	169	1	4	1	7	1
255	Shamokin, . . . . .	74	6	9	1	5	2
256	Milton, . . . . .	81	1	3	1	9	
258	Conneautville, . . . . .	90		4		1	1
259	New Brighton, . . . . .	59				2	
260	Carlisle, . . . . .	90	3	2	3		
261	Providence, . . . . .	100	1	3	2		2
262	Orrstown, . . . . .	37				5	1
263	Laceyville, . . . . .	64				2	4
264	Columbus, . . . . .	80			2		
265	Bloomsburg, . . . . .	123		2		14	
266	York, . . . . .	138	3			10	
267	Tremont, . . . . .	92		1	1		2
268	Bellefonte, . . . . .	119	1	3	2		
269	Birmingham, . . . . .	150	2	6		9	3
270	Schuylkill Haven, . . .	63	1	2		3	
271	Philadelphia, . . . . .	219	2	4		3	3
272	Butler, . . . . .	62		8	4	13	
273	Ardmore, . . . . .	120		16	1	1	
274	Philadelphia, . . . . .	210	1	8		7	3
275	Latrobe, . . . . .	62		5	3	5	2



NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS Dec. 27th, 1876.	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.
276	Brookville, . . . . .	122	1	1	1		
277	Clarion, . . . . .	108		7		1	2
278	Johnstown, . . . . .	78		6	9		1
281	Altoona, . . . . .	108	2	3	2	6	2
282	Hollidaysburg, . . . . .	79		2			2
283	Bethlehem, . . . . .	150	2	1			2
284	Catasauqua, . . . . .	110		4	1	8	
285	St. Clair, . . . . .	86		3			1
286	Columbia, . . . . .	145	2	3	1	2	
287	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	260		3	3	13	2
288	Alleghany City, . . . . .	82				3	2
289	Philadelphia, . . . . .	141		1	1	1	2
290	Greenville, . . . . .	102	4	2	1	6	2
291	Scranton, . . . . .	148	1		2	15	2
292	Philadelphia, . . . . .	281	4	7		16	7
294	Ashland, . . . . .	131	1	3	2	20	4
295	Philadelphia, . . . . .	240		12		8	2
296	Philadelphia, . . . . .	205		7	2	4	
297	Canonsburg, . . . . .	50			1	20	
298	Media, . . . . .	97		8	3	8	
299	Muncy, . . . . .	72		3			4
300	Huntingdon, . . . . .	125	1	7	1	1	
301	Waverly, . . . . .	54	2	1		21	
302	Mechanicsburg, . . . . .	135	1	4	2		1
303	Titusville, . . . . .	217	2	3	6	30	
304	Albion, . . . . .	63	1	3	2	21	1
305	Hawley, . . . . .	63	1	3			
306	Troy, . . . . .	128	1	1	1		1
307	Womelsdorf, . . . . .	85		2	3	4	
308	Fort Washington, . . . . .	87		6	1	10	
309	Downingtown, . . . . .	95	1	1		1	1
310	Trappe, . . . . .	70		2		1	1
311	Mount Bethel, . . . . .	70		1	1		
312	Ebensburg, . . . . .	52	1			8	1
313	Indiana, . . . . .	60		3	1	4	1
314	Clearfield, . . . . .	102		3	1		
315	Shippensburg, . . . . .	47			3		1
316	Franklin, . . . . .	115	5	2	4	8	2
317	Wellsboro' . . . . .	70		5	4		1



NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS Dec. 27th, 1876.	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.
318	Alleghany City, . . . .	168	3	3	3	9	2
319	Bloomfield, . . . . .	58			1		2
320	Bedford, . . . . .	91	1	2	2	2	
321	East Liberty, . . . . .	91			9	3	
322	West Chester, . . . . .	106		3	2	5	1
323	Scranton, . . . . .	136	3	4	2	11	
324	Mifflintown, . . . . .	55				1	1
325	Stroudsburg, . . . . .	111	2	6		1	1
326	Trexlerstown, . . . . .	121		1		16	2
327	Hazleton, . . . . .	133			6		1
328	Jackson, . . . . .	50		1			1
329	Greensboro', . . . . .	34		1			
330	Hamlington, . . . . .	76		4	2		1
331	Ligonier, . . . . .	46		2			
332	Plymouth, . . . . .	55		1		1	
333	Allentown, . . . . .	143	1	6	1		2
334	Bradford, . . . . .	39	1	2	1	9	2
335	Montoursville, . . . . .	52				3	1
336	Gettysburg, . . . . .	69		1			1
337	Monongahela, City, . . .	118	2	4	1	5	1
338	Great Bend, . . . . .	74	3	4	1	12	1
339	Hyde Park, . . . . .	162		4	2	20	2
340	Frazer, . . . . .	111		5		4	2
341	Factoryville, . . . . .	58		1	3		
342	Coudersport, . . . . .	90			2		1
343	Cochranville, . . . . .	120	1	1	4	7	2
344	Milford, . . . . .	65				2	
345	Scranton, . . . . .	104	1	8	4	5	1
346	Connellsville, . . . . .	80	1	3	1	2	
347	Girard, . . . . .	65	1	2	3	5	2
348	Hanover, . . . . .	35			5		
349	Catawissa, . . . . .	97		2	1	6	2
350	Blossburg, . . . . .	111		1		5	
351	Knoxville, . . . . .	22		2	1		
352	Chester, . . . . .	80		5		1	1
353	Oxford, . . . . .	83	2	2	5	11	1
354	Shickshinny, . . . . .	60		5	1		1
355	Blairsville, . . . . .	52	2	1	1		
356	Ten-Mile Village, . . . .						



NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	MEMBERS Dec. 27th, 1876.	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.
357	Mahanoy City, . . . . .	92		3	1		
358	Somerset, . . . . .	115	1	1	2		
359	Philadelphia, . . . . .	109	1	2		1	3
360	Susquehanna Depot, . . . . .	115	4	3	1	1	
361	Newville, . . . . .	48		3	1	1	1
362	Erie, . . . . .	94	3		7	4	3
363	Oil City, . . . . .	131	1	2	5	10	1
364	Millersburg, . . . . .	66	2	2			1
365	Corry, . . . . .	118	4	1	1		1
366	Union Mills, . . . . .	59	1	2	1		
367	Reading, . . . . .	72		2		3	
368	Philadelphia, . . . . .	118	1	5	2	11	
369	Philadelphia, . . . . .	210	1	5	2	3	1
370	Mifflinburg, . . . . .	44		1		5	1
371	Thompsons town, . . . . .	41		1			1
372	Spartansburg, . . . . .	40		1	2	1	
373	Tioga, . . . . .	34			2	13	
374	Alleghany City, . . . . .	112	2	7	2	4	
375	McKeesport, . . . . .	100	5	8	2	5	
376	McVeytown, . . . . .	52		1	3	15	
377	Kutztown, . . . . .	100		5			1
378	Mount Carmel, . . . . .	46		4	1		1
379	Ridgway, . . . . .	151		5	5	5	
380	Philadelphia, . . . . .	97		5			1
381	Newport, . . . . .	46		1		2	
382	Emporium, . . . . .	87		1	5		
383	Coatesville, . . . . .	70				4	1
384	Philadelphia, . . . . .	81		4		2	1
385	Philadelphia, . . . . .	165	2	4		4	1
386	Philadelphia, . . . . .	263		7	1	21	1
387	Dushore, . . . . .	52	1			3	
388	Smethport, . . . . .	50			1	13	
389	West Middlesex, . . . . .	45					
390	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	95		4	2	1	3
391	Phillipsburg, . . . . .	81	1	4		8	
392	Erie, . . . . .	93	3	2			
393	Philadelphia, . . . . .	221		5			1
395	Kingston, . . . . .	74	2	5			2
396	Easton, . . . . .	101	1	1	1	10	



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397	Williamsport, . . . . .	68			1		
398	Marietta, . . . . .	71	1	5		1	1
399	North East, . . . . .	79	2	3		2	
400	Jenkintown, . . . . .	83		2		2	
401	Watson town, . . . . .	94	1	1			3
402	Philadelphia, . . . . .	164	1	8	1	10	2
403	Clarksville, . . . . .	31					
404	Northumberland, . . . . .	48		2			
405	Waynesburg, . . . . .	42		1		2	1
406	Hamburg, . . . . .	66		2		1	1
407	Jacksonville, . . . . .	53		4	2	17	
408	Meadville, . . . . .	44	2		1		
409	Pine Grove, . . . . .	52		4		1	
410	Hatboro', . . . . .	66		1			3
411	Darlington, . . . . .	45			3		
412	Tideoute, . . . . .	74	1	2	3		
413	Bath, . . . . .	78		1	1	1	
414	Elysburg, . . . . .	39		3	1		1
415	Canton, . . . . .	71	1	1	1	4	1
416	Edinboro', . . . . .	73	1	6	1		
417	Christiana, . . . . .	55	1	1	1		2
418	Rome, . . . . .	49	1	1			1
419	Philadelphia, . . . . .	246	2	9	1	5	1
420	Conshohocken, . . . . .	76		8	1	1	2
421	Osceola, . . . . .	13		1	2	3	2
422	Newtown, Greene Co.,						
423	Shrewsbury, . . . . .	39			2	11	1
424	Jamestown, . . . . .	59	3	2			1
425	Waterford, . . . . .	63	2	3		4	2
426	Cressona, . . . . .	51		2			
427	Newtown, Bucks Co., .	62	1		1		
428	Smithfield, . . . . .	57		3	4		2
429	Harmony, . . . . .	42				3	
430	Alleghany City, . . . .	123	2	3	5	9	
431	Saltsburg, . . . . .	29	1		10		
432	Philadelphia, . . . . .	94	4	6	1	10	1
433	New Castle, . . . . .	116	1	5	2	4	
434	Sandy Lake, . . . . .	47		8	3	2	
435	Reading, . . . . .	141	1	3	2		



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436	Philadelphia, . . . . .	140	1	6	3	8	1
437	Apollo, . . . . .	44		1			
438	Nicholson, . . . . .	42			1	3	1
439	Clifford, . . . . .	45		1			
440	Slatington, . . . . .	32				2	
441	Philadelphia, . . . . .	225	1	8		3	1
442	Wilkesbarre, . . . . .	86	6	3	2	10	3
443	Greencastle, . . . . .	42			3		
444	Philadelphia, . . . . .	92	3	2	1		1
445	Harford, . . . . .	24		1	1		
446	Upper Uwchlan, . . . . .	39		5	1		1
447	Claysville, . . . . .	29		1	2	1	
448	Sharpsburg, . . . . .	77	1	9	2	1	
449	Philadelphia, . . . . .	119		6		3	
450	Philadelphia, . . . . .	143		5		8	
451	York, . . . . .	39		5		2	1
453	Philadelphia, . . . . .	102	1	7		2	2
454	Burgettstown, . . . . .	66	2	2			
455	Erie, . . . . .	36	13	5		1	2
456	Philadelphia, . . . . .	145		9		3	
457	Beaver, . . . . .	56	1	1			
458	Marysville, . . . . .	40		2		2	
459	Masontown, . . . . .	26	1		1		1
460	Orangeville, . . . . .	34				2	
461	Greenfield, . . . . .	34		1			
462	Berwick, . . . . .	68		7	1		2
463	Titusville, . . . . .	93		6	4	22	
464	Harrisburg, . . . . .	106	2	6	2		
465	York Springs, . . . . .	29					
466	Olyphant, . . . . .	52		6			
467	White Haven . . . . .	62		3			1
468	Wyoming, . . . . .	28		2			
469	Coopersburg, . . . . .	35		2			
470	Philadelphia, . . . . .	73		3			
471	Le Raysville, . . . . .	43		7	1		
472	Pleasant Mount, . . . . .	26		1			
473	Cambridge, . . . . .	70	1			1	
474	Ashley, . . . . .	78	1	3	2		1
475	Kennett Square, . . . . .	78		7	3	1	



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476	Lancaster. . . . .	69	1	6		8	
477	Westfield, . . . . .	42	1	2		8	
478	Beaver Falls, . . . . .	49		1		9	1
479	Morgantown, . . . . .	29		3			
480	New Washington, . . . . .	54			1		
481	Philadelphia, . . . . .	207	3	7		2	1
482	Philadelphia, . . . . .	139	2	10		1	1
483	Rouseville, . . . . .	80	1	8	2	5	1
484	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	128	3	7		2	3
485	Smith's Ferry, . . . . .	35	1	1		2	
486	Middletown, . . . . .	53		1			
487	Philadelphia, . . . . .	94		4		5	1
488	Independence, . . . . .	17			1	6	
489	Alleghany City, . . . . .	57		1	1		1
490	Altoona, . . . . .	71	1	8	2	1	1
491	Philadelphia, . . . . .	124		7			1
492	Milroy, . . . . .	31			4		
493	Philadelphia, . . . . .	166		17	2	9	2
494	Tyrone, . . . . .	51		5	3		1
495	Renovo, . . . . .	53		2			
496	Safe Harbor, . . . . .	44		5	1		1
497	Waynesburg, Greene Co.	35					
498	Linesville, . . . . .	46		1	2		
499	West Pittston, . . . . .	59		5	1		
500	Philadelphia, . . . . .	157	4	8			2
501	Pleasantville, . . . . .	57	2	3	5	4	1
502	Tarentum, . . . . .	20			1		
503	Wrightsville, . . . . .	25		1			
504	Moscow, . . . . .	36		1			
505	Port Alleghany, . . . . .	30		2	1		1
506	Philadelphia, . . . . .	71	1	3			1
507	New Milford, . . . . .	30		3		1	1
508	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	74	1	15		2	
509	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	67	1	8	1		2
510	Braddock's Field, . . . . .	41		4	1	1	
511	Shenandoah, . . . . .	66	1	4			
512	Quakertown, . . . . .	62		5		1	
513	Temperanceville, . . . . .	43		1			
514	Spring Hill Township, . . . . .	41		7		7	



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515	Osceola Mills, . . . . .	33		2		1	
516	Danville, . . . . .	36	1	3			
517	Sharpsville, . . . . .	31		1		4	
518	Greensburg, . . . . .	41		3		3	
519	Philadelphia, . . . . .	85	2	8		1	1
520	St. Petersburg, . . . . .	66	5	12	4	2	
521	Parker City, . . . . .	59	2	8	1		
522	New Bethlehem, . . . . .	27		2			
523	Gibsonburg, . . . . .	28					
524	Everett Borough, . . . . .	27		3			
525	Alleghany City, . . . . .	73	1	6	5		
526	Elizabeth, . . . . .	34	1	5	1	2	1
527	Philadelphia, . . . . .	109	3	12		2	3
528	Philadelphia, . . . . .	76	1	9			1
529	Philadelphia, . . . . .	119	1	11		5	2
530	Bellevue, . . . . .	27	1	5	1		
531	Dallas, . . . . .	15		2			
532	Driftwood, . . . . .	38		8		1	
533	Wattsburg, . . . . .	26		2	1		
534	Punxutawney, . . . . .	32		6			
535	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	33	1	2			
536	Reynoldsville, . . . . .	27		7			
537	Centre Hall, . . . . .	17		1			
538	Johnstown, . . . . .	36	9	8			
539	Woodbury, . . . . .	16	1	1			1
540	Petrolia, . . . . .	69	4	7			1
541	Nanticoke, . . . . .	29	1	7			
542	Waymart, . . . . .	19	6	6			
543	Fernwood, . . . . .	56	16	24			
544	Mansfield (Allegh'y Co.)	25	1	7			
545	New London, . . . . .	19		10			
546	Pittsburgh, . . . . .	31	2				2

## RECAPITULATION.

MEMBERS, Dec. 27, 1875, 38,236	RESIGNED IN 1876, - - 424
ADMITTED IN 1876, - - 372	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED, 1328
INITIATED, " - - 1334	DIED, - - - - 461



The Committee on Correspondence made the following report, which was on motion accepted and the resolution adopted.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*

The Committee on Correspondence ask leave to present the following report:

From lawful Masonic information the Committee on Correspondence have learned with deep regret that some of the so-called "Grand Orients" on the continent of Europe, doubtless we hope in Masonic charity, from ignorance of the opinions of the Grand Lodges of the United States, and a due regard for their Masonic rights as they understand them, have continued to invade the sovereign jurisdiction of these Grand Lodges, in opposition to the established doctrines of such sovereignties, and by the action of these Grand Orients producing discord in the craft in the United States.

Your Committee, after much anxious deliberation on this subject, deem it proper for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to open Masonic communication with those Ancient Grand Lodges with which as yet no formal interchange of Masonic relations exist, in order that thereby the views and opinions of this Grand Lodge may at least be known as a conservative corrective of the action of the Grand Orients of Europe.

Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, opens Masonic intercourse and frater-



nal Masonic relations with the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, and the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary be requested to forward a copy of the report of this Committee, presented to and approved by this Grand Lodge at its Communication held March 1st, 1876, with the fraternal hope that thereby the best interests of the craft may be guarded and secured.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX, P. G. M.,

*Chairman.*



# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, Dec 3th, A. D. 1877, A. L. 3877.

### P R E S E N T :

Bro. ROBERT CLARK,	- -	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" JAMES M. PORTER,	- -	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" MICHAEL NISBET,	- -	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" SAMUEL B. DICK,	- -	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" _____,	- -	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	- -	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,	-	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
" ALEXANDER M. LLOYD,	}	<i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
" EDW. P. KINGSBURY, act'g,		
" HENRY S. STONER,		
" ROBERT C. SIMPSON,		
" GEORGE S. SNYDER,		
" JOHN P. CLARK,		
" A. M. POLLOCK,		
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,		
" THOMAS S. MCNAIR,		
" FREDERICK WHITTLESEY,		
" CHARLES W. MACKEY,		
" WILLIAM CHATLAND,		
" JOHN H. DUSENBURY,		
" HUBBARD B. PAYNE,		
" PEARSON CHURCH,		
" WILLIAM HIMROD,		
" ROBERT L. MUENCH,		
" JAMES H. CODDING,		
" ZACHARIAH BIERER,		
" S. E. ANCONA,	- -	

Bro. GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN	}	
" EDGAR M. LEVY, -	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" EMANUEL OPPENHEIM, -	}	
" ISAAC VAN DEUSEN, -		<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" CHARLES E. PUGH, -		<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" GEORGE B. COLE, -	}	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" WILLIAM C. STEVENSON, -	}	
" GEORGE W. WOOD, -		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" WILLIAM C. MCPHERSON,		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" HORACE FRITZ, - - -		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" HARRISON G. CLARK,		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON, - - -	}	
" HENRY M. PHILLIPS, -	}	
" RICHARD VAUX, - - -	}	<i>Past Grand Masters.</i>
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS, -	}	
" ALFRED R. POTTER, -	}	

Two hundred and five Lodges represented.

The Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

This being the time designated by the Ahiman Rezon for the election of Officers to serve the Grand Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year, the Right Worshipful Grand Master appointed tellers, who, after receiving and counting the votes, announced the following-named brethren as elected :

*R. W. Grand Master*, Brother JAMES MADISON PORTER,  
in place of R. W. Brother ROBERT CLARK, who  
declined a re-election.

*R. W. Deputy Grand Master*, Bro. MICHAEL NISBET.

*R. W. Senior Grand Warden*, Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK.



*R. W. Junior Grand Warden*, Bro. CONRAD B. DAY.

*R. W. Grand Treasurer*, Bro. THOMAS R. PATTON.

*R. W. Grand Secretary*, Bro. JOHN THOMSON.

*Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.*

Brother JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,

“ GEORGE GRISCOM,

“ DANIEL BRITTAIN,

“ JOHN HANOLD,

“ EDWARD STRICKLAND.

*Trustees of the Girard Bequest.*

Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS,

“ GEORGE THOMSON,

“ CHARLES M. PREVOST,

“ HENRY C. HOWELL,

“ JACOB ROBERTS.

A missive from Brother JOHN H. LATROBE, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland appointing Brother AUGUSTUS R. HALL, of Lodge No. 72, as Representative of said Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was read. On motion the missive was received, and Brother AUGUSTUS R. HALL, acknowledged as such.

The different Committees being called upon, made their respective reports, as follows :

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

In the matter of the complaint of Brother \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, against the Worshipful Master of that Lodge, the Committee on Appeals offered the following resolutions, which were adopted.

*Resolved*, That the action of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ in admitting honorary members was erroneous, and that it promptly strike any such from its roll of members.

*Resolved*, That the Worshipful Master and the Lodge erred in taking a ballot for any applicant for initiation or membership, before the written favorable report of the Committee of inquiry had been actually presented to the Lodge.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was approved and the resolutions attached thereto adopted :

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report :

That, in accordance with the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon, they have examined the following accounts and found them correct, viz.:

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer show :

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance as per report November 15th, 1876,	\$ 5,500 28
Received for Dues, Masonic Rents, Initiations,	
ten per cents. - - -	119,327 38
“ “ Dispensations, Ahiman Rezon and	
Certificates, - - -	6,654 60
“ “ Warrants, - - -	800 00
“ “ Store Rents, Chestnut St. Hall,	8,900 00



Received for Interest on Deposit, Grand Secre-	
tary, - - - - -	106 77
" " Interest on Deposit, Grand Treas.,	470 62
" " Amount overpaid Sarah Osman,	100 00
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	\$141,859 65

## PAYMENTS.

Paid Orders for Interest on Loan from	
Sinking fund,	\$ 136 00
On Loan due March 1, \$39,615 00	
" " Sept. 1, 39,615 00	
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	79,230 00
Expenses Grand Master,	1,500 00
Expenses D. D. Grand Masters,	1,553 93
Temple Committee, \$23,655 07	
(Less amount received : Deduction on Wm. H. Harrison's bill for Wind Indicator, \$15. Received from Richard Vaux, return Premium from sundry Insurance Companies, as per statement and resolution of Grand Lodge, June 16, 1877, \$4,102 50)	
	4,117 50
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	19,537 57
Library Committee,	600 00
Sinking Fund appropriation of 1876,	15,000 00
Salaries Grand Officers, Clerks, and their office expenses,	6,123 30
Expenses Grand Lodge, \$6,172 06	
(Less amount received from Grand Chapter for postage, stationery, &c.,)	80 44
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	6,091 62
Loan Account, - - - - -	8,000 00
Masonic Temple Loan, 7th series, -	200 00
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, counterfeit note, - - - - -	5 00
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	137,977 42
Balance November 15th, 1877, - - - - -	<hr/>
	\$3,882 23

The accounts of the Grand Secretary for sale of Dispensations, Certificates and Ahiman Rezons, show :

Balance on hand, November 15th, 1876,	-	-	\$	554	00
Dispensations,	-	-	-	2,520	00
Certificates,	-	-	-	172	00
Ahiman Rezons,	-	-	-	16	60
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					\$3,262 60

Paid Grand Treasurer as follows:

1877, January 2d, Cash,	-	-	\$	785	00
" April 2d, "	-	-		1,063	60
" July 2d, "	-	-		687	00
" Oct. 1st, "	-	-		354	00
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					2,889 60

Leaving a balance on hand, November 15th, 1877,	<hr/>	\$373 00
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The account of the Grand Secretary for Interest on Masonic Temple Redemption Loan shows :

Amount back Interest, uncalled for,	-	-	\$	474	33
" due and payable, Sept. 1st, 1877,	-	-		39,615	00
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					\$40,089 33
Of which has been paid,	-	-	-	38,940	70
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Leaving in Bank,	-	-	-	\$1,148	63

The accounts of the Trustees Girard Bequest show:

Balance as per last report,	-	-	\$	714	91
Interest and Premiums on Gold,	-	-		3,589	88
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					\$4,304 79
By Cash paid Order of Stewards,	-	\$3,250	00		
" " " Investment,	-	1,042	50		
				<hr/>	4,292 50
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Balance on hand November 15th, 1877,	-		\$12	29	



The investments are:

Masonic Temple Redemption Loan,	\$51,000 00
Lehigh Gold Loan, &c., - - -	9,000 00
Bal. Sunbury Masonic Hall Mortgage,	1,000 00
	<u>\$61,000 00</u>

The accounts of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund show :

Balance as per last report,	- -	\$1,073 02	
Interest,	- - - -	4,023 33	
		<u>          </u>	\$5,096 35
By Cash paid Almoners,	- -	\$3,000 00	
“ “ “ Investment,	- -	1,070 00	
		<u>          </u>	4,070 00
Balance November 15th, 1877,	- -	\$1,026 35	

The Investments are :

Masonic Temple Redemption Loan,	<u>\$67,200 00</u>
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The accounts of the Commissioners of Sinking Fund show :

Balance on hand November 15th, 1876,	-	\$ 774 22
Received return of Loan from Grand Lodge,		8,000 00
“ from Grand Lodge for 1876,	- -	15,000 00
“ Interest from Grand Lodge on Loan,	-	136 00
“ “ on deposit,	- - - -	223 59
		<u>          </u>
		\$24,133 81
By Cash paid for Investments,	- - -	16,646 55
		<u>          </u>
Balance on hand November 15th, 1877,		<u>\$7,487 26</u>

The Investments are:

City Warrants, - - - -	<u>\$16,580 81</u>
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Your Committee have examined the books and vouchers of the Temple Committee, and Library Committee, and found them correct, and their transactions will be fully set out in their reports to the Grand Lodge. They have also examined the transfer of Bonds with the Bond Ledger, and found them correct.

The Grand Secretary furnished the Committee with a balance sheet of the affairs of the Grand Lodge on the 15th day of November, 1877, being the close of the fiscal year, and which is affixed hereto, and also one for the commencement of the fiscal year 1878.

The Committee present the following estimated Receipts and Expenditures for the year 1878:

#### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand November 15th, 1877, \$	3,882	23
Dues, - - - - -	45,000	00
Initiations, - - - - -	8,000	00
Ten per Cents, - - - - -	2,000	00
Masonic Rents, - - - - -	42,000	00
Store " - - - - -	9,000	00
Dispensations, - - - - -	6,000	00
Warrants, - - - - -	600	00
Due Grand Lodge, as per balance sheet, Nov. 15th, 1877, by Lodges and other Masonic bodies, - - -	20,938	40
Masonic Rents, due Dec. 31st, 1877,	10,575	00
	<hr/>	\$147,995 63

#### PAYMENTS.

Interest on Masonic Loans, - - -	\$79,230	00
Sinking Fund, - - - - -	15,000	00
Expenses Grand Master, - - -	1,500	00
" Dis. Dep. Grand Masters, - - -	2,000	00



## Salaries :

Grand Treasurer,	-	\$ 200 00	
Grand Secretary,	-	2,000 00	
Clerks to Grand Sec.,		2,200 00	
Clerk to Finance Com.,		400 00	
Clerk to Grand Master,		600 00	
Grand Tyler,	-	150 00	
		<hr/>	5,550 00
Books, Stationery, Postage, &c.,	-		450 00
Printing, including Grand Lodge			
Proceedings,	-	-	1,000 00
Expenses Grand Lodge,	-	-	1,000 00
Taxes, Water Rent, Sewerage, &c.,			
Chestnut St. Hall,	-	-	7,000 00
Temple Committee,	-	-	15,169 00
Library Committee,	-	-	600 00
To pay for Printing Ahiman Rezon,			
&c., if adopted,	-	-	2,000 00
		<hr/>	\$130,499 00
Due to Sinking Fund for			
1877,	-	\$15,000 00	
Due for balance Salaries			
for 1877,	-	1,760 00	
		<hr/>	16,760 00
		<hr/>	147,259 00
		<hr/>	\$ 736 63
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The case of Lodge No. 497, asking an extension of time for payment of their dues, which was referred to your Committee for consideration, we would respectfully report: We find the Lodge is now suspended for balance of dues of 1874 and dues of 1875 and 1876, and has been notified by the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary to appear and show cause why their warrant should not be vacated. As the matter will come up on Report of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary for consideration, this Committee has no recommendation to make, the case being fully set out in the Ahiman Rezon.

We offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the following appropriations be made for the year 1878, to wit:

For Interest on Masonic Loans,	-	-	-	\$ 79,230 00
“ Sinking Fund,	-	-	-	15,000 00
“ Expenses Grand Master,	-	-	-	1,500 00
“ “ District Deputy Grand Masters,	-	-	-	2,000 00
“ Grand Lodge Officers,	-	-	-	5,550 00
“ Books, Stationery, &c., for same,	-	-	-	450 00
“ Printing, including Grand Lodge proceedings,	-	-	-	1,000 00
“ Expenses Grand Lodge,	-	-	-	1,000 00
“ Taxes, Sewerage, &c., Chestnut St. Hall,	-	-	-	7,000 00
“ Temple Committee,	-	-	-	15,169 00
“ Library Committee,	-	-	-	600 00
“ Ahiman Recons,	-	-	-	2,000 00
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				\$130,499 00
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*Resolved*, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be, and is hereby, authorized to draw his warrants on the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer for such amounts as may be required to pay the interest on the Masonic Loans falling due on the first day of March and the first day of September.

*Resolved*, That on and after St. John's day next the price for the use of the Banqueting Room for all Masonic bodies shall be five dollars for each banquet.

All of which is respectfully submitted, .

JOHN C. YEAGER,  
JAMES HERDMAN,  
CONRAD B. DAY,  
E. HARPER JEFFRIES.



## BALANCE SHEET GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

NOVEMBER 15th, 1877.

DR.			CR.
Due by Lodges.....	\$ 20,938 40	Due to Lodges.....	\$ 478 10
Cash.....	3,882 23	City Dues.....	24,828 00
Expenses Grand Master	1,500 00	Dues elsewhere.....	25,434 33
“ D. D. “ Masters	1,553 93	City Initiations.....	4,010 00
“ Grand Lodge....	6,091 62	Initiations elsewhere...	7,574 00
Salaries of Grand Of-		Ten per Cents.....	3,386 50
ficers, &c.....	6,123 30	Grand Lodge of Penna.	762,450 46
Temple Committee.....	19,537 57	Masonic Rents.....	45,333 33
Interest.....	78,788 61	Rents, Chestnut Street	
Sinking Fund.....	24,068 07	Hall.....	10,000 00
Stephen Girard Charity		Warrants.....	800 00
Fund.....	61,012 29	Dispensations.....	6,654 60
Grand Lodge Charity		Masonic Temple Re-	
Fund.....	68,226 35	demption Loan.....	1,320,500 00
Real Estate.....	1,919,126 95		
Library Committee.....	600 00		
	<u>\$2,211,449 32</u>		<u>\$2,211,449 32</u>

## BALANCE SHEET GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

NOVEMBER 15th, 1877.

AFTER THE CLOSING ENTRIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1877 ARE MADE.

DR.			CR.
Due by Lodges, &c.....	\$ 20,938 40	Due to Lodges, &c.....	478 10
Sinking Fund.....	24,068 07	Grand Lodge of Penna.	776,276 19
Stephen Girard Charity		Masonic Temple Re-	
Fund.....	61,012 29	demption Loan.....	1,320,500 00
Grand Lodge Charity			
Fund.....	68,226 35		
Real Estate.....	1,919,126 95		
Cash.....	3,882 23		
	<u>\$2,097,254 29</u>		<u>\$2,097,254 29</u>

# REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund respectfully present their Fourth Annual Report:

The balance on hand November 15th, 1876, as appears by the Third Annual Report presented to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication December 6th, 1876, was - - - - \$ 774 22

They have since received:

Temporary Loan repaid, - - - - -	8,000 00
Interest on " - - - - -	136 00
" on deposits in Fidelity Company, - - -	223 59
From Grand Treasurer appropriation for 1876, to Sinking Fund, - - - - -	15,000 00

Making a total of - - - - -	\$24,133 81
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And there has been paid:

For City Warrants, par, - - - - -	\$16,580 81
Accrued interest on ditto, - - - - -	19 42
Premium " " - - - - -	29 67
Brokerage " " - - - - -	16 65
	<hr/> 16,646 55

Leaving a balance of - - - - -	\$7,487 26
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On deposit to their credit in the Fidelity, at an interest of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent., November 15th, 1877. Since that date, however, they have made further investment in City Warrants to the amount of \$3,336 58, costing \$3,344 67 and leaving a balance of cash on deposit in the Fidelity this day of \$4,142 59.

Their accounts with the securities of the Fund have been examined by the Finance Committee and found correct.

The City Warrants bear interest at the rate of six per cent. The Commissioners will use every effort to keep the fund closely, productively and securely invested, so that the accumulations may be as rapid as possible.



With the appropriation for the year just past of \$15,000, and which will shortly be paid to them, the Sinking Fund will amount to very nearly \$40,000, and its growth henceforth will be more rapid.

All which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Commissioners.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,  
*President of Commissioners.*

DECEMBER 5th, 1877.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE  
CHARITY FUND.**

PHILADELPHIA, *November 15th*, 1877.

*To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.*

BRETHREN: The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund submit the following statement, showing the receipts and disbursements of the trust for the fiscal year ending November 15th, 1877, also a schedule of the Bonds that compose the invested fund:

The invested capital has been increased by the purchase of one thousand dollar Bond of the Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, at a cost of one thousand and seventy dollars, making the investment sixty-seven thousand, two hundred dollars, (\$67,200).

The income of the trust for the past year has been four thousand and twenty-three  $\frac{33}{100}$  dollars, (\$4,023  $\frac{33}{100}$ ) derived from the following sources: Interest on permanent investment four thousand and two dollars (\$4,002 00), accrued interest on Bank deposits, twenty-one  $\frac{33}{100}$  dollars, making the sum as above specified. The disbursements were as follows: appropriation for use of the Almoners, three thousand dollars (\$3,000 00); premium paid on purchase of Bond, seventy dollars (\$70 00), making a total expenditure of three thousand and seventy

dollars (\$3,070 00), which shows a nett gain of nine hundred and fifty-one  $\frac{33}{100}$  dollars (\$951 33) for the year ending at date. The capital stock consists of thirty-two Bonds of various sums of Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, amounting to sixty-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$67,200 00), which with balance on deposit in Bank, one thousand and twenty-six  $\frac{35}{100}$  dollars (\$1,026 35), making the whole value of the fund sixty-eight thousand two hundred and twenty-six  $\frac{35}{100}$  dollars (\$68,226 35) at this time.

JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,  
 GEORGE GRISCOM,  
 JOHN HANOLD,  
 EDWARD STRICKLAND,  
 DANIEL BRITTAIN.

TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

1876.

Nov. 15, To balance due Trust, - \$1,073 02

1877.

March 2, To Interest on Masonic Loan, 1,986 00

Sept. 1, To Interest on Masonic Loan, 2,016 00

Nov. 9, To Interest on Deposits, - 21 33

                     \$5,096 35

1877.

Jan. 6, By Order No. 1, in favor of

Almoners, - - - 1,000 00

April 10, By Order No. 2, in favor of

Almoners, - - - 500 00

" " By Cash paid for \$1,000  $\frac{xx}{100}$

Masonic Temple Redemp-  
 tion Loan, - - - 1,070 00

July 19, By Order No. 3, in favor of

Almoners, - - - 500 00

Oct. 5, By Order No. 4, in favor of

Almoners, - - - 1,000 00

Nov. 15, By Balance, - - - 1,026 35

                     \$5,096 35

" " To Balance on deposit in Bank, -                      \$1,026 35



INVESTED CAPITAL OF GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND, AS NOW  
CONSTITUED, NOVEMBER 15, 1877.

Bond No. 2377,	Dated Nov. 27, 1875,	\$100 00	
" " 2378,	" " " "	100 00	
" " 2658,	" Dec. 15, "	100 00	
" " 2659,	" " " "	100 00	
" " 2936,	" Jan. 8, 1876,	100 00	
" " 2937,	" " " "	100 00	
" " 2938,	" " " "	100 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 700 00
" " 3102,	" Nov. 27, 1875,	500 00	
" " 3152,	" " " "	500 00	
" " 3189,	" Dec. 15, "	500 00	
" " 3224,	" Jan. 8, 1876,	500 00	
" " 3256,	" " " "	500 00	
		<hr/>	2,500 00
" " 4192,	" Nov. 27, 1875,	1,000 00	
" " 4269,	" Dec. 15, "	1,000 00	
" " 4270,	" " " "	1,000 00	
" " 4271,	" " " "	1,000 00	
" " 4272,	" " " "	1,000 00	
" " 4314,	" Jan. 8, 1876,	1,000 00	
" " 4315,	" " " "	1,000 00	
" " 4367,	" " " "	1,000 00	
" " 4484,	" Feb. 14, "	1,000 00	
		<hr/>	9,000 00
" " 526,	" Nov. 15, 1875,	5,000 00	
" " 527,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 528,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 529,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 530,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 531,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 532,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 533,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 551,	" Dec. 15, "	5,000 00	
" " 552,	" " " "	5,000 00	
" " 590,	" Jan. 8, 1876,	5,000 00	
		<hr/>	55,000 00
		<hr/>	\$67,200 00
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# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GIRARD BEQUEST.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report:

That they have received during the fiscal year ending Nov. 15th, 1877—

From Interest on Investments, . . . . .	\$3,540 00
“ “ “ Deposits, . . . . .	20 48
“ Premium on Gold, . . . . .	29 40
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	\$3,589 88

To which add balance November 15th, 1876, per Report of Finance Committee, . . . . .	714 91
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Makes a total of . . . . . \$4,304 79

They have paid during the same period  
on Orders for the use of the Stew-  
ards of the Stephen Girard Charity  
Fund, . . . . . \$3,250 00

For \$1,000 Lehigh C. & N. Loan 1884, @ 104 and commission, . . . . .	1,042 50
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	4,292 50

Leaving a balance Nov. 15th, 1877, of . . . \$ 12 29

On deposit in the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, at 2 per cent.

Their accounts with the securities of the Trusts have been examined by the Finance Committee and found correct.

There has been no change in the investments since the date of the last Report except the addition of the securities purchased as above.

The Investments at the close of the fiscal year November 15th, 1877, were as follows:



## Masonic Temple Redemption Loan—

Certificates Nos. 535-6-7-591-2-3-4-5-6=9 of \$5,000, . . . . .	\$45,00 00
Certificates Nos. 4495-6-7-8 and 469=5 of \$1,000, . . . . .	5,000 00
Certificates Nos. 3154 and 3259=2 of \$500, . . . . .	1,000 00
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	\$51,000 00
Bond and Mortgage Sunbury Masonic Hall Association, balance due, . . . . .	1,000 00
Lehigh C. & N. Gold Loan, 6 Certifi- cates, Nos. 3134, 3259, 3260, 1, 2, 3, of \$1,000 each, . . . . .	\$6,000 00
Nos. 96, 440, 596, 989, 4 of \$500 each, . . . . .	2,000 00
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	8,000 00
Lehigh Loan of 1884, Certificate No. 5420, . . . . .	1,000 00
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Making total investments, at par value, . . . . .	<u>\$61,000 00</u>

The balance on hand with the estimated income will in the opinion of the Trustees justify an appropriation of \$3,500 for the coming year for the charitable purposes of the trust.

The Trustees respectfully ask the adoption of the following Resolution:

*“Resolved, That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending December, 1878, to be drawn for in the usual manner.”*

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	} Trustees.
GEO. THOMSON,	
HENRY C. HOWELL,	
JACOB ROBERTS.	

DECEMBER 5th, 1877.

## REPORT OF THE TEMPLE COMMITTEE.

PHILADELPHIA, *December 5th*, 1877.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted  
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

SIRS AND BRETHREN: The Temple Committee beg leave to report they have expended during the quarter ending Nov 15th ulto., as follows:

Salaries of Superintendent, Engineer and other	
Employees, . . . . .	\$1,906 63
Gas, . . . . .	720 91
Fuel, . . . . .	451 43
Ice, . . . . .	24 38
Contingent Expenses, . . . . .	296 65
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Total, . . . . .	\$3,400 00

The Expenditures for the year have been as follows:

Salaries of Superintendent, Engineer and other	
Employees, . . . . .	\$5,785 08
Gas, . . . . .	2,867 90
Fuel, . . . . .	1,167 50
Ice, . . . . .	64 93
Contingent Expenses and Insurance, . . . . .	10,170 86
Water and Sewerage, . . . . .	198 80
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	\$20,255 07
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The amount of expenditure over that appropriated was occasioned by the payment of Premiums on Insurance, Ventilation of Gothic Hall, Repairs to plastering in this Temple, as follows:



Balance Premiums on Insurance, . . .	\$2,500 00
Account Ventilation of Gothic Hall, (about), . . . . .	800 00
Account Repairs to Plastering, . . .	800 00
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Aggregating, . . . . .	\$4,100 00

Showing a saving in the expenditures over the estimates of about \$2,800 00.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. J. KELLY,  
H. P. JOHN,  
SAMUEL W. WRAY,  
H. K. SMITH,  
GODFREY KEEBLER.

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#### REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Free and Accepted Masons.*

The Library Committee would report that during the year just closing, they have, in accordance with the authority granted them at the December Communication, 1873, issued the first part of the original minutes of this Grand Lodge from 1779.

In order to place the Grand Lodge in its proper position as regards its being the oldest Grand Lodge in America, a short but concise history of the establishment of Freemasonry in this country has been prepared from authentic authorities now extant, which proves beyond a reasonable doubt, that Masonry was first established in this city about the year 1730.

Step by step can be traced the ineffaceable marks of the existence of genuine Freemasonry here, and the connection between the Moderns and Ancients is made clear.

It may not be known that the earlier minutes of the Grand Lodge prior to 1779 have been lost or mislaid; nothing is known of them previous to that time. In order to trace the earlier history we have given full extracts from the minutes of Lodge No. 3, from 1767.

Part 1, just issued, brings the minutes down to 1786, at which time the Grand Lodge separated from the Grand Lodge of England, ceasing to be a Provincial Grand Lodge and becoming the present Grand Lodge of the ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the old constitutions for Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

We regret to say that, in publishing this part first, we too hopefully relied on being sustained by the membership of this Grand Lodge.

Out of nearly 4,460 members of the Grand Lodge, only 122 were subscribers.

With nearly 40,000 Masons in Pennsylvania, we have only 85 who have responded.

Of over 375 Lodges, only 18 Lodges have given us their support. It is disheartening to your committee to do this labor without the least show of encouragement from those who should be interested in the early history of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

The Committee have endeavored in every manner to make the Library of the Grand Lodge self-supporting, but have failed to do so up to this time, on account of the failure of the Craft to support their work.

We have been asked by the Grand Lodges in Communication with this Grand Lodge if copies of the reprint were to be furnished them, as is the case with the annual proceedings. We have been compelled to decline to forward them, as it would not be acting justly to those who have subscribed and to our publishers. It must be remembered that the manuscript and labor in preparing the reprint is made without any expense to the Committee, the Grand Lodge or the work, and any profit that may arise will be placed to the



credit of the Library. The appearance of the second and succeeding parts depends entirely upon the support of the members in paying for part first.

During the past year the Library has been increased by over 100 volumes and donations of a large number of proceedings, periodicals, &c.

The amount of balance on hand at last report, was	\$200 67
The amount of cash received from Grand Lodge, .	600 00
Donation from Girard M. Lodge 214, . . .	50 00
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$850 67</u>

Payments have been :

Stationery, . . . . .	\$ 9 50
Purchase of Books and Papers, . . . . .	219 96
Services of Assistant, . . . . .	127 50
Furniture, . . . . .	48 50
Printing, . . . . .	23 30
Insurance, . . . . .	12 00
Binding, . . . . .	100 00
Newspapers, . . . . .	144 29
Balance, . . . . .	165 62
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$850 67</u>

Donations have been received from :

Bro. John Thomson, P. G. M.,	Bro. M. R. Muckle,
“ Thomas Cochran,	“ Charles E. Meyer,
“ Sam'l C. Perkins, P. G. M.,	“ E. S. Wychoff,
“ Geo. Griscom,	“ John L. Young,
“ John F. Hartranft,	“ Dennis F. Dealy,
“ Benj. F. Taylor,	“ W. S. Hays,
“ Clifford P. MacCalla,	“ H. G. Clark,
Concordia Lodge, No. 67,	“ F. A. Yard,
Bro. John P. S. Gobin,	“ Alfred F. Chapman,
“ M. T. R. Marvin,	“ Charles F. Heaton,
Ex. of Bro. Jacob Bennett,	“ Stephen S. Remak,

Bros. William J. Hughan, of Truro, England.

“ James H. Neilson, of Dublin, Ireland.

“ T. B. Whytehead, of York, England.

Messrs. Horace W. Smith, Charles Riche Hildeburn, Wm.  
M. Speck.

And have, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, returned thanks therefor.

The Committee with pleasure report an increasing use of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MEYER,  
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,  
J. FRANK KNIGHT,  
JAMES S. BARBER,  
JOHN L. YOUNG,  
WM. H. BURKHARDT,  
EDWARD S. WYCKOFF.



# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877.

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### PRESENT:

Bro. ROBERT CLARK,	-	-	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" JAMES M. PORTER,	-	-	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" MICHAEL NISBET.	-	-	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" SAMUEL B. DICK.	-	-	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON,	-	-	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	-	-	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" J ALEXANDER SIMPSON,	-	-	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
" HARRISON T. BEARDSLEY,	}	-	<i>District Deputy Grand</i>
" ROBERT E. PATTERSON,			
" WILLIAM SUDDARDS, D. D.	}	-	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" RICHARD H. ALLEN, D. D.			
" JAMES W. ROBINS, D. D.			
" EDGAR M. LEVY,			
" ISAAC VAN DEUSEN,	-	-	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" JAMES S. BARBER,	-	-	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" THOMAS S. WOODBURY,	}	-	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" HENRY S. SMITH,			
" GEORGE W. WOOD,	-	-	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" WILLIAM C. MCPHERSON,	-	-	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" HORACE FRITZ,	-	-	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" HARRISON G. CLARK,	-	-	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

BRO. PETER WILLIAMSON,	-	} <i>Past Grand Masters.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	-	
" RICHARD VAUX,	-	
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	-	
" ALFRED R. POTTER,	-	
" ROBERT CLARK,	-	} <i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illi- nois, South Carolina, Ala- bama, Texas, Minnesota, and Washington Territory.</i>
" RICHARD VAUX,	-	
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	-	
" ALFRED R. POTTER,	-	
" CHARLES E. MEYER,	-	
" ROBERT CLARK,	-	
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL,	-	
" JOHN CURTIS,	-	

Sixty-six Lodges represented.

The Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10.20 o'clock A. M.

The Board of Almoners made the following report :



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ALMONERS.

PHILADELPHIA, *December 27th*, 1877.*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The Board of Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund make the following report of their operations during the past year:

Balance on hand as per last report,	\$ 20 50
Amount appropriated by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund,	3,000 00
Total,	\$3,020 50
Amount donated to 234 Applicants,	2,720 50
Leaving balance on hand,	\$ 300 00

Of the above Applicants 197 hailed from Pennsylvania,

1	"	"	California,
7	"	"	South Carolina,
2	"	"	Tennessee,
4	"	"	Connecticut,
2	"	"	North Carolina,
4	"	"	Virginia,
1	"	"	New York,
3	"	"	Delaware,
1	"	"	Rhode Island,
4	"	"	Canada,
3	"	"	Grenada,
2	"	"	Jamaica,
1	"	"	Laguayra,
2	"	"	Ireland.

Total, . . . 234

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED C. STULB,  
*President of the Board of Almoners.*

# REPORT OF THE STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The undersigned, on behalf of the Stewards of the "Stephen Girard Charity Fund," submits the following Report of their proceedings for the year ending December 26th, 1877:

In the performance of their official duty, they have granted relief to two hundred and forty-five (245) poor and respectable brethren, to wit:

To 212 applicants hailing under this Jurisdiction, \$2,918 00  
To 33 applicants hailing from other Jurisdictions, viz:

To 6 hailing from New York,	\$71 00
" 2 " " Virginia,	30 00
" 2 " " Georgia,	25 00
" 2 " " Washington, D. C.,	35 00
" 1 " " North Carolina,	15 00
" 1 " " South Carolina,	10 00
" 1 " " Missouri,	15 00
" 1 " " Ohio,	25 00
" 1 " " Tennessee,	10 00
" 1 " " Michigan,	15 00
" 2 " " Illinois,	25 00
" 1 " " Indiana,	25 00
" 1 " " Minnesota,	20 00
" 1 " " Panama,	20 00
" 2 " " Bermuda,	20 00
" 1 " " Nova Scotia,	20 00
" 1 " " Canada,	10 00
" 2 " " England,	20 00
" 3 " " Scotland,	50 00
" 1 " " Ireland,	10 00
	<hr/> \$471 00
	<hr/> \$3,389 00
Balance remaining on hand,	74 00
	<hr/> \$3,463 00



## PER CONTRA:

Balance remaining on hand December 26th,					
1876, . . . . .					\$63 00
Amount appropriated to Class No. 1, .					800 00
“ “ “ “ “ 2, .					700 00
Additional “ “ “ “ “ .					100 00
Amount “ “ “ “ 3, .					700 00
Additional “ “ “ “ “ .					150 00
Amount “ “ “ “ 4, .					800 00
Additional “ “ “ “ “ .					150 00
					<hr/> \$3,463 00
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The additional sum of four hundred dollars, (\$400 00) voted by the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in June for the use of the Stewards caused much gratification, as it enabled them to increase the sums granted to some very poor and worthy applicants whose misfortunes by sickness or want of employment had pressed heavily upon them.

The amount (three thousand five hundred dollars, \$3,500) recommended by the Trustees of the Girard Bequest for the use of the Stewards for the year 1878, adopted by the Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication, will serve greatly to alleviate the wants of those poor and worthy brethren who are compelled by their necessities to apply to this Committee for relief.

Respectfully submitted by

E. P. LESCURE,

*President of Stewards.*

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The following communication was read:

PHILADELPHIA, *December 26th*, 1877.

ROBERT CLARK, ESQ.,

*R. W. Grand Master,*

*Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.*

DEAR SIR :--

I beg the privilege of presenting through you to the Grand Lodge, a portrait, painted by myself, of one of your distinguished predecessors, the late SAMUEL H. PERKINS, ESQ. I trust it may be deemed worthy of an appropriate place upon the walls of the magnificent Temple of the craft. Knowing him as I did for many years prior to his decease, and cherishing the highest esteem for his memory, sentiments of personal regard have rendered the painting of this portrait, in no slight degree, a labor of love.

Though not a member of your fraternity, yet, as the son of a Mason, it will not, I trust, be thought obtrusive if the hope is expressed that this portrait may serve through future years to remind those who go up to the Temple, of the virtues and excellencies of one who stood so high in the regard of the community as well as of the craft.

With high regard,  
I remain, Right Worshipful Sir,  
Yours most respectfully,

E. D. MARCHANT.

Past Grand Master, Brother RICHARD VAUX, offered the following:



*Resolved*, That the gift be accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge tendered for the beautiful picture of our lamented Past Grand Master.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following communication was read by Past Grand Master, Brother RICHARD VAUX, and the resolution relative thereto, offered by him, was adopted.

*Vaux Lodge, No. 393, Free and Accepted Masons.*

PHILADELPHIA *December 26th, 1877.*

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Free and Accepted Masons:*

At a stated meeting of Vaux Lodge, No. 393, held on the 25th inst., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Lodge accept the six ancient Charters issued by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, presented by Brother W. KENT GILBERT, M. D., and that we comply with his suggestion, and donate them to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. When it was so ordered.

Extract from the minutes.



Attest, ANDREW W. GAYLEY,

*Secretary.*

*Resolved*, That the papers be accepted with the thanks of the Grand Lodge, the same to be handed to the Library Committee.

Past Grand Master, Brother RICHARD VAUX, also offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That fifty-six copies of the reprint of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, published by the Library Committee, be furnished to this Grand Lodge, to be forwarded to the various Grand Lodges with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal intercourse.

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother ROBERT CLARK, delivered the following valedictory address:



## ADDRESS.

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BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

About to close my administration as your Grand Master, I feel it proper to extend to you my cordial and fraternal obligations for the uniform, unexceptionable kindness and courtesies you have always extended to me during my term of office.

The duty in the East is full of anxious care and surrounded with great responsibilities; the wisdom of training the Grand Master for these duties, by service in the South, the West, and as Deputy Grand Master, before assuming the Oriental Chair, thereby making him familiar with the constantly recurring questions which he has to meet as your presiding officer, is manifest by the experience every year brings.

No one should solicit the favor of the craft for the South. The selection should anticipate the election, so that the qualifications alone which are essential should have been made conspicuous in the brother on whom the honor is voluntarily bestowed. I may at this time be permitted to warn the fraternity against the almost imperceptible approach of influences which, from the force of associations, if not prevented by the highest human wisdom, may possibly so weaken the funda-

mental and primary principles on which the Grand Lodge rests for her honor, dignity, and Masonic supremacy, as to become a serious disaster to the whole institution.

During the past year, accompanied by the Grand Officers, I have made visitations to—

Wilkesbarre, .	Luzerne Co., .	34	Lodges were represented.
Pittston, . . .	Luzerne Co., .	22	" " "
Carbondale, . .	Luzerne Co., .	23	" " "
Honesdale, . . .	Wayne Co., .	10	" " "
Northumberland,	North'b'd Co.,	27	" " "
Montoursville, .	Lycoming Co.,	4	" " "
Lock Haven, . .	Clinton Co., .	11	" " "
Harrisburg, . .	Dauphin Co.,	16	" " "
Renovo, . . . .	Clinton Co., .	10	" " "
Warren, . . . .	Warren Co., .	18	" " "
Erie, . . . . .	Erie Co., . .	25	" " "
Pittsburgh, . .	Alleghany Co.,	29	" " "

Exemplified the work and gave such instructions as the brethren required. At all of these meetings there was a very large attendance of the brethren and great interest was manifested by them to receive instruction; and the reception given to the Grand Officers was such as to elicit from us the highest praise for their brotherly attention. The value of these communications between the Grand Officers and the brethren, and the Lodges in the various parts of this jurisdiction, can hardly be estimated, without witnessing their effects. It should be the aim of the Grand Officers to cultivate the closest



ties of fraternal feeling and interest between the brethren and the Grand Lodge. This interest, sympathy and regard show, in the knowledge which these visits create, that the Grand Lodge feels that the harmony and prosperity of the whole fraternity is its highest glory, and worthy of its most assiduous efforts to establish. There is so much instruction that can only be communicated in person to the Officers and members, and also those of the brethren who are called upon to take active labor in the subordinate Lodges, by Grand Masters and other Grand Officers who accompany him on these fraternal visits, that in this point of view they are of the highest moment.

During my administration the following Lodges have been constituted :

Waymart	Lodge, No. 542, at Waymart, Wayne Co.
Centennial	“ “ 544 “ Mansfield, Alleghany Co.
New London	“ “ 545 “ New London, Chester Co.
Duquesne	“ “ 546 “ East Liberty, Alleghany Co.
Stillwater	“ “ 547 “ Sugar Grove, Warren Co.
————	“ “ 548 “ Verona, Alleghany Co.
Reading	“ “ 549 “ Reading, Berks Co.
Edenburg	“ “ 550 “ Edenburg, Clarion Co.
Casiphia	“ “ 551 “ Mount Joy, Lancaster Co.
Alleghany Valley	“ “ 552 “ Emlenton, Venango Co.

The Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication held December 6th, 1876, formally recognized the Grand Lodge of the Isle of Cuba. I have appointed Brother **AURELIO ALMEIDA** as the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of the Isle of Cuba.

At the Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge held in September last, the Committee on Correspondence offered a resolution, which was adopted, opening fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. I have appointed Bro. WILLIAM OFFICER, of Edinburgh, Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland. There being a vacancy near the Grand Lodge of New York, I have appointed Brother CADWALADER EVANS, Representative near that Grand Lodge.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge has been officially laid before you by the Committee directly entrusted with the important duty of managing the finances.

I cannot but congratulate every member of the subordinate Lodges, as well as the members of the Grand Lodge, at the unexampled result of the financial year just terminated. Many public institutions, which have relied on the ability and fidelity of those who conduct their economic and monetary affairs, are, in the present state of trade and business, failing to hold their places in the estimation of the public.

With what satisfaction can the Masonic Fraternity of Pennsylvania point to the credit of the craft and its financial exhibits for the past year. Brethren, it will be seen and admitted by those outside of our Fraternity, who examine this exhibit, that there is something in the doctrines, teachings and principles of Freemasonry which produce that virtue which holds inviolate obliga-



tions imposed. The determined purpose of all Freemasons to make any needed sacrifice to maintain the credit of the craft, and pay all indebtedness which attaches to its financial liabilities, demands the highest praise, especially when it is by no means an uncommon sentiment, avowed in high places by men who are regarded as honest, that there can be a state of things that justifies a different policy. The example which we give in our monetary affairs, quietly and unostentatiously, to those who investigate our public actions will have the effect at least to strengthen the confidence in the integrity and morality of the brotherhood.

It is a cause of just pride to the fraternity under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, that within the past few years the evidence of respect of the other Grand Lodges of the United States for our Grand Lodge has increased and grown in a very marked degree. It was once and not unfrequent, that our sister Grand Lodges seemed to take pleasure in the utterances of what was no doubt regarded by them as innocent or harmless attempts at cynical criticism on what they deemed the exclusiveness and self-conceit of this Grand Lodge. We were twitted with the paucity of the official published proceedings, the absence of disquisition, either in Grand Masters addresses or other official papers that were presented in print for public perusal, or for that of the brotherhood.

Pennsylvania modestly listened to all this with a patience inexhaustible as its prudence, and waited for

that coming time when the policy of this Grand Lodge would be vindicated by the common acquiescence of the craft in the propriety of its course. This time has come. When, now the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania speaks to those who wish to hear, on subjects which directly and unquestionably concern the common welfare of all Freemasons, it is with profound satisfaction that we find her words are not unnoticed, or her views unheeded.

It is rarely that Pennsylvania deems it her province, or her duty, to interfere on questions which pertain to the well-being of Masons outside of her own borders. The reason must be one of such importance as to justify it on the strictest interpretation of that paramount duty which only permits it. Such occasions have occurred, and may occur again, when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania accepts the responsibility of expressing her opinions. It has ever been done in the closest obedience to that "charity that suffereth long and is kind," and thinking no evil, performs a duty under the solemn sense of its obligations.

There can be no contention, when perfect love casteth out all other considerations than those which relate to the integrity of the landmarks, usages, and customs of the fraternity, which cannot be assailed anywhere without producing the remonstrances or, if need be, the resistance of those whose obligations enforce every effort in their defence.

In noticing the increasing respect which is manifested



by our sister Grand Lodges for our jurisdiction, I feel it an opportune moment to make these remarks, and at the same time to offer to them severally the gratification this has produced, and which I here desire emphatically to express.

I may be permitted to mention that the Library Committee has published the first part of the reprint of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, beginning at the earliest period of such publication. They are of great interest to the Grand Lodge as an historical account, as far as it goes, of the progress of this Grand Lodge from its first establishment. The part so published is to be followed until the proceedings are brought down to the present time, and so valuable a contribution to Masonic history cannot fail to be acceptable to the Lodges of this jurisdiction, and to a very large number of the Masons of Pennsylvania. Active efforts are being made to unveil the past history of Freemasonry on this Continent, and fix by proof the relations each Province had to Freemasonry before the Revolutionary War, and where the earliest Lodges were held, and by what authority. The labor of the Library Committee will doubtless be fully appreciated. Encouragement should not be withheld in aid of these labors, and whatever can be found of undoubted historic truth by any of the brethren should be communicated to the Committee.

The importance of the position and duties of District Deputy Grand Masters are becoming yearly more marked, especially in those Districts where the craft is

increasing. It cannot be overlooked that the District Deputy Grand Master is called upon to hear and determine, in the first instance, many questions which relate to the proceedings of the Lodges, and to advise the brethren in prospective labors, either in committees or in Lodge legislation. To do this, therefore, requires that these Officers should devote sufficient time to perfect themselves, promptly to act in such cases. I would earnestly suggest to all the District Deputy Grand Masters that they adopt some system by which the essential knowledge necessary for their positions shall be obtained. The Grand Officers are ready and most willing to instruct on all such cases, and the well-being of the craft makes it necessary.

The Grand Lodge, at the communication held on the 5th of December last, adopted the report of the Committee to revise the Ahiman Rezon, with but three amendments. Although the Committee was first appointed by my predecessor, it became my duty, by a resolution of the Grand Lodge, to add to it six additional members, making thirteen in all, and it was on this enlarged Committee that the arduous labors fell of finally preparing the report adopted by this Grand Lodge. Anxious that the draft to be laid before the Grand Lodge should be as free from objections as possible, and as all the suggested propositions for changes in the first draft were sent to me, I was present at all the sessions of the Committee, and can bear testimony, therefore, to the zeal and fidelity with which they sought



to comply with the wants of the Lodges and the brethren. I feel great satisfaction in saying to the fraternity that, in my opinion, the new Ahiman Rezon will meet with the approval of the brethren, and in its operation will be found to satisfy the intelligent mind which studies it. Necessarily, some questions as to the interpretation of particular provisions will arise, and it is expected that the District Deputy Grand Masters will, under the direction of my successor in the chair, so familiarize themselves with the text and its spirit, that the true intent and meaning of the whole will enable them, after consultation with the Grand Master, to give instructions to the Lodges in their Districts; but if any doubt exists, before a decision is made, they should advise directly with the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

I would earnestly invoke every member of the fraternity in this jurisdiction to cultivate all those virtues which the craft enjoins as elements of Freemasonry; to hesitate before lending their aid, or even their silent acquiescence, in new theories of Masonic relations; to reject any pretext, however plausible, which pretends to elucidate under new lights the fundamental principles of the craft; to shun, as destructive, all teachings which seek to construe solemn obligations that they may seem less stringent on the conscience; to avoid all controversy which comes under the allurements of argument, which tends to weaken faith in the sublime doctrines of the fraternity which are, and have been, its immemorial

traditions; to discourage the introduction of every innovation into the body of Masonry; to exhibit on all proper occasions that moral courage which forbids a participation in error rather than defend the right, and in a confident reliance in God's help, to stand fast by the landmarks, let the seductive inducements to deny our faith be presented how they may.

I cannot, my brethren, fail to congratulate you and every brother of this jurisdiction at the spirit of harmony, unity, and true Masonic feeling which governed the last communication, the decorum, ability, and calm thoughtfulness which were conspicuously evidenced by the brethren present at that communication, and the wise results reached by their deliberations are worthy of commendation. I mention it at this time because I hope it is the sign of the latent determination of the craft to make the Masonic fraternity an example of those virtues which can best be cultivated under its benign teachings.

The close of my administration finds the craft in this jurisdiction prosperous, harmonious, and consolidated into a brotherhood of earnest, faithful, confiding Freemasons; who regard with love and reverence their Grand Lodge, and exhibit an abiding faith in the virtues of the craft, and in its high destiny, and regard as a sacred, solemn duty, God helping them, to maintain its landmarks inviolate, doing their work in the Temple dedicated to Him, and resting under the favor of Heaven.



Having now referred to all subjects which occur to me as proper at this time, it only remains for me to again tender you my sincere thanks for the high honors you have conferred upon me, and then perform my last official act—instal my successor. And may the blessings of Heaven rest upon him and us, and when our labors here have ended may we all be permitted to enter into that peaceful rest that shall never, never end.

The following named Brethren, elected at the Quarterly Communication, held on December 5th, A. D. 1877, A. L. 5877, for the ensuing Masonic year, were this day duly installed in their respective stations in ancient and solemn form, as follows:—

Bro. JAS. MADISON PORTER, - *R. W. Grand Master,*  
(*in place of Brother Robert Clark, declined,*)

" MICHAEL NISBET, - - *R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*

" SAMUEL B. DICK, - - *R. W. Senior Grand Warden.*

“ CONRAD B. DAY, - - *R. W. Junior Grand Warden.*

" THOMAS R. PATTON, - *R. W. Grand Treasurer.*

“ JOHN THOMSON, - - R. W. *Grand Secretary.*

# ADDRESS

OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,

BROTHER JAMES MADISON PORTER.

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MY BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

Having by your generous favor served the appointed terms in the South and West, and under the custom of our craft, the two years as Deputy, you have so far approved of the discharge of these several duties as to elevate me to the Oriental Chair, to preside over this Grand Lodge and exercise the important and honorable prerogatives of Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania. Let me offer you my earnest assurance of the value I put on your continued confidence and respect.

I cannot begin the exercise of the functions so devolved upon me without invoking the blessing of the Grand Architect on my efforts, with whom are all the issues of human purposes.

My brethren, it is proper at this time that I should declare to you some of those principles by which the administration of the affairs of the craft in this jurisdiction will be governed, during my term of office.

It is my unalterable determination to preserve in tact



the landmarks of Freemasonry ; to maintain the usages and customs of the craft ; to see that nothing I can prevent shall enter our portals to disturb its peace and harmony, and that every member of every Lodge, and every Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be fostered and cared for in their relations to this Grand Lodge, and its relations with them, so that prosperity may dwell within our borders, and joy and gladness prevail among the craftsmen.

One of the glories of Freemasonry is that the brethren dwell together in harmony, and to aid in continuing this special attribute of the fraternity will be my constant desire.

I begin my administration under the revised Ahiman Rezon which was adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last Quarterly Communication. I feel it a duty to remark that, in the examination I have given to this new constitution of the Grand Lodge, I find that the Committee entrusted with its preparation have performed its duties with marked ability, and that as the Ahiman Rezon is understood by the Lodges in its workings, it will be found most admirably adapted to the actual wants of the brotherhood.

It is true that few changes were made, but these were the result of the experience which can only be obtained after a careful study of the subjects involved.

It will be necessary that the District Deputy Grand Masters shall, as early as practicable, become familiar with the regulations contained in the constitution, so

that in the event of Lodges asking instructions they can be promptly and intelligently given.

To this end I shall request the District Deputies to open communication with me on any matter on which they may desire instruction. I am informed that as soon as the proofs are corrected and the work finished, copies will be sent to each Lodge, the Grand Lodge having provided therefor, in the report of the Finance Committee, approved at the last Quarterly Communication.

The finances of the Grand Lodge, as appears by the report of the Finance Committee for the past Masonic year, are in a most satisfactory condition. Our credit as a Grand Lodge is appreciated by those who have money to invest, and our loan is selling on the open market above par. Brethren, let us all consider that we are individually as Free Masons responsible for such marked public confidence, and that we are bound by the highest obligations of honor and probity to maintain it. I shall omit no act that it is within my province to perform, to keep this character of our craft from every blemish, and maintain the credit of the Grand Lodge unimpaired.

Nowhere within the jurisdiction is the murmur of discord now heard. The serious responsibility rests on us to prevent its voice from being audible among the craft. The surest means to this end is to regard only the best interests of all the brethren, and let neither



fear nor favor influence the official action of the Grand Officers, or the action of the Grand Lodge.

It is a source of satisfaction to me that our sincerely esteemed Brother, the Grand Secretary, is still in his important position, for his experience, knowledge and fidelity must be the assurance to the brethren that justice and wisdom will mark the action of his office in its operations with the subordinate Lodges.

I need hardly deem it necessary to say that very much depends on the District Deputy Grand Masters in aiding the Grand Master in the discharge of some of his duties. I shall expect of them prompt attention to their business, strict fidelity to the rules and regulations and edicts; a vigilance that foresees what may be hurtful if not hindered, and a study of that which they have to teach, or explain in their respective districts. So too with the appointed officers, I trust they will faithfully perform the service imposed upon them.

It will be my earnest desire to continue the fraternal relations that exist between the Grand Lodge and those Grand Lodges with which we interchange Masonic relations. Our jurisdiction extends the hand of fraternal recognition to those to whom we offer it as sovereign bodies, supreme within their boundaries, and any effort to interfere with our supreme authority will be resisted as destructive to our Masonic right.

I would suggest most fraternally to the Masters of Lodges to convene in their respective Lodge rooms the elected and appointed officers, for the purpose of instruc-

tion in the "duties" and "business" of their "stations" and "places." There is a marked need of this instruction.

The District Deputies could, we think, make arrangements for such meetings at some central or convenient locality in their districts, and give instructions to the officers of Lodges, which would result in great advantage to the Lodges. I hope these suggestions will be adopted.

Another benefit would result, if at such meetings a short time was devoted to reading the printed reports of the Grand Lodge Committees published in the annual proceedings. Thus the officers of Lodges would be informed as to the action of the Grand Lodge on questions which have received its approval.

I trust that the brethren who are entrusted with the government of the subordinate Lodges will feel the importance of these suggestions, and carry them out.

I cannot forbear from advising the Lodges of this jurisdiction to be very careful in all the proceedings which belong to applications for initiation. It is the entrance into Freemasonry which should be especially and strictly guarded. The profane who seeks admission has before him difficulties to meet. He has no right to expect that the way is to be made easy to him, when the landmarks are set up for the protection of the brotherhood. The wisdom and experience of ages have sanctioned and made unalterable these landmarks, and it is impossible they can be modified to suit the whims,



caprices, tastes or imperfections of one, who has no companionship with the craft. The prosperity of Freemasonry depends on the strict and cheerful obedience to the landmarks. If they are subordinated to the wishes, or in compliance with the interests of those who are not of the craft, the foundation of the fraternity will be no stronger than the changing opinion of men who have no association with the fraternity. This is so absurd that it ought not to be spoken of, only to show the peril and ruin that must come, if the fundamental principles are disregarded. The world is filled with examples which such causes have produced, and the protection of our institution from a like fate is found in the fact that it rejects absolutely, and refuses to follow such examples.

The memorable devise of our late Brother STEPHEN GIRARD, to the Grand Lodge, of a fund known by us now as the "Stephen Girard Charity Fund," for the relief of poor and destitute Master Masons, and which has diffused such substantial charity to many whose needs have been shielded from the cold neglect of all but those brethren who quietly administered Masonic relief, excited the benevolence, animated the Masonic heart, and caused our lamented Brother Past Master STEPHEN TAYLOR to a like act of Masonic beneficence. Within a few days Brother TAYLOR departed this life, beloved and respected by his brethren in Masonry, and indeed by all who knew him. A long life of fidelity,

integrity and virtue closed amid the poignant sorrows of his family and friends.

By his will he has devised to this Grand Lodge a sum of \$10,000, which, on the happening of proper conditions, will become the property of the Grand Lodge, and its income is then to be devoted to the most enlarged and benevolent intentions of the testator.

The craft are its beneficiaries, and it will be known as "The Stephen Taylor Bequest."

Thus the virtues which our fraternity teaches are consecrated by the devotion in life of true Masons, and when ability and opportunity permit, are hallowed by its latest act.



The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother JAMES MADISON PORTER, was then pleased to announce the following appointments for the present Masonic year:

*Grand Chaplains:*

REV. BRO. WM. SUDDARDS, D. D., of Philadelphia.

" " RICHARD H. ALLEN, D. D., of Philadelphia.

" " J. J. McILYAR, D. D., of Pittsburgh.

" " J. ANDREWS HARRIS, of Chestnut Hill, Philad'a.

" " WILLIAM B. WOOD, of Philadelphia.

" " JAS. W. ROBINS, D. D., of Philadelphia.

" " FRANK E. MILLER, of Easton.

" " HENRY S. GETZ, of Warren.

" " EDGAR M. LEVY, D. D., of Philadelphia.

" " NATHAN C. SCHAFFER, of Kutztown.



*Senior Grand Deacon:*

BRO. CHARLES E. PUGH, Lodge No. 381, Newport.

*Junior Grand Deacon:*

BRO. H. STANLEY GOODWIN, Lodge No. 283, Bethlehem.

*Grand Stewards:*

BRO. S. B. KENNEDY, Lodge No. 362, Erie.

“ WM. A. MORTON, Lodge No. 476, Lancaster.

*Grand Marshal:*

BRO. GEORGE W. WOOD, Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia.

*Grand Sword Bearer:*

BRO. WM. B. HACKENBURG, Lodge No. 246, Philadelphia.

*Grand Pursuivant:*

BRO. HORACE FRITZ, Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia.

*Grand Tyler:*

BRO. HARRISON G. CLARK, Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia.

*Committee on Finance:*

BRO. JOHN C. YEAGER, Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia.

“ JAMES HERDMAN, Lodge No. 287, Pittsburgh.

“ AUGUSTUS R. HALL, Lodge No. 72, Philadelphia.

“ E. HARPER JEFFRIES, Lodge No. 186, Philadelphia.

“ GEO. E WAGNER, Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia.

*Committee on Appeals:*

- BRO. RICHARD VAUX, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ JOHN THOMSON, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ ROBERT CLARK, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ E. COPPEE MITCHELL, Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia.  
 “ WILLIAM H. EGLE, M. D., Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg.

*Committee on Correspondence:*

- BRO. RICHARD VAUX, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia.  
 “ CHARLES D. FREEMAN, Lodge No. 130, Philadelphia.  
 “ HUBBARD B. PAYNE, Lodge No. 395, Kingston.  
 “ GEORGE BAKER, Lodge No. 352, Chester.

*Committee on By-Laws:*

- BRO. J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, Lodge No. 385, Philadelphia.  
 “ J. L. LEMBERGER, Lodge No. 226, Lebanon.  
 “ FRED. W. LAUER, Lodge No. 62, Reading.  
 “ THOMAS J. KERR, Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg.  
 “ JACOB P. GRIFFITH, Lodge No. 284, Catasauqua.

*Committee on Landmarks:*

- BRO. JOHN THOMSON, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ ALFRED R. POTTER, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 WITH THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND  
 DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.



*Committee on Printing and Publishing:*

- BRO. JOHN L. THOMSON, Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia.  
 “ JACOB F. QUILLMAN, Lodge No. 190, Norristown.  
 “ THOMAS S. WOODBURY, Lodge No. 155, Philadelphia.  
 “ WILLIAM KINSEY, Lodge No. 25, Bristol.  
 “ SOLOMON G. GRONE, Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg.

*Temple Committee:*

- BRO. WILLIAM J. KELLY, Lodge No. 59, Philadelphia.  
 “ HIBBERT P. JOHN, Lodge No. 369, Philadelphia.  
 “ SAMUEL W. WRAY, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.  
 “ HENRY K. SMITH, Lodge No. 81, Philadelphia.  
 “ GODFREY KEEBLER, Lodge No. 487, Philadelphia.

*Commissioners of Sinking Fund:*

- BRO. SAM'L C. PERKINS, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ GEORGE K. ZIEGLER, Lodge No. 125, Philadelphia.  
 “ HENRY J. WHITE, Lodge No. 72, Philadelphia.  
 “ THOMAS R. PATTON, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.  
 “ JAMES SHIELDS, No. 158, Philadelphia.

*Library Committee:*

- BRO. CHARLES E. MEYER, Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia.  
 “ M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, Lodge No. 125, Philadelphia.  
 “ EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia.  
 “ WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, Lodge No. 230, Philadelphia.  
 “ JAMES S. BARBER, Lodge No. 402, Philadelphia.  
 “ JOHN L. YOUNG, Lodge No. 130, Philadelphia.  
 “ CHARLES W. PACKER, Lodge No. 72, Philadelphia.

*Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund:*

BROTHER THOMAS W. AYRES, . . . . .	Lodge No.	2
“ A NELSON BATTEN, . . . . .	“	3
“ JOHN KEENAN, . . . . .	“	9
“ WILLIAM A SINN, . . . . .	“	19
“ THEODORE E. WIEDERSHEIM, . . . . .	“	51
“ LOUIS WAGNER, . . . . .	“	52
“ NEAL CAMPBELL, . . . . .	“	59
“ A. J. MONTGOMERY, . . . . .	“	67
“ WILLIAM B. LANDON . . . . .	“	71
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“ JAMES LANING, . . . . .	“	126
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"	AMOS H. HALL, . . . . .	" 296
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"	WILLIAM LIDENFELSER, . . . . .	" 384
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- 26.—Brother JOHN J. WADSWORTH, of Erie, for the County of Erie.

- 27.—Brother HENRY J. TARBLE, of Honesdale, for the Counties of Susquehanna, Wayne and Pike. (In place of Brother GEORGE S. PURDY, declined).
- 28.—Brother EDWIN SHORTZ, of White Haven, for the County of Luzerne, south of, and including, East and West Pittston, except Lodge No. 327, at Hazleton.
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The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary was pleased to appoint Brother J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, of Lodge No. 385, as Deputy Grand Secretary, which was confirmed by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Bro. SAMUEL C. PERKINS, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Brother ROBERT CLARK, Esq., having declined a re-election to the Office of Right Worshipful Grand Master, and this day retires from the Oriental Chair after an administration of two years; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, hereby express their appreciation of the wisdom, care and zeal with which Brother ROBERT CLARK has governed the craft of this jurisdiction as their Grand Master.

*Resolved*, That the Masonic intelligence, earnest solicitation for the preservation of the ancient landmarks,



patient attention and unwearying devotion and zealous regard for the dignity of the Grand Lodge which Bro. CLARK has evinced in all the interests of the craft, will ever be remembered with gratitude.

*Resolved*, That the heartfelt fraternal wishes of the Grand Lodge for the health and prosperity of the retiring Grand Master will ever follow him, and it is their earnest hope that he may long be spared to aid in their counsels, and that when life shall close and his labors here be ended, he may receive the approval of the Grand Architect of the Universe in that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions, properly engrossed and signed by the Grand Officers, be presented to Brother ROBERT CLARK.

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at one o'clock,  
P. M.





# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE :

The Committee on Correspondence, of which Bro. GEORGE BAKER, Lodge 352, JOHN C. UHLE, Lodge 246, CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, Lodge 67, and SAMUEL WHITTLE, of Lodge No. 9, are members, by its Chairman, asks leave respectfully to report that the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother THOMSON, has handed to your Committee the following publications :

Copies of the transactions and proceedings received from the following Grand Lodges :

ALABAMA, . . . .	1876	ILLINOIS, . . . .	1877
ARKANSAS, . . . .	1876-7	INDIANA, . . . .	1877
BRITISH COLUMBIA,	1877	IOWA, . . . . .	1877
CALIFORNIA, . . . .	1876	KANSAS, . . . . .	1875-7
CONNECTICUT, . . .	1877	KENTUCKY, . . . .	1876
CUBA, . . . . .		LOUISIANA, . . . .	1877
DELAWARE, . . . .	1876	MAINE, . . . . .	1877
DIST. OF COLUMBIA,	1876	MANITOBA, . . . .	1877
ENGLAND, . . . . .	1877	MARYLAND, . . . .	1876-7
FLORIDA, . . . . .	1876-7	MASSACHUSETTS, .	1877
GEORGIA, . . . . .	1876-7	“ (special)	1877
IDAHO, . . . . .	1876	MICHIGAN, . . . .	1875-6-7

MINNESOTA, . . . .	1877	SCOTLAND, . . . .	
MISSISSIPPI, . . . .	1877	SOUTH CAROLINA, . .	1876
MISSOURI, . . . . .	1877	TENNESSEE, . . . .	1876
MONTANA, . . . . .	1875	TEXAS, . . . . .	1876
NEBRASKA, . . . . .	1876-7	UTAH, . . . . .	1876
NEW HAMPSHIRE, . . .	1876-7	VERMONT, . . . . .	1877
NEW JERSEY, . . . .	1877	VIRGINIA, . . . . .	1876
NEW YORK, . . . . .	1877	WASHINGTON, . . . .	1876-7
NORTH CAROLINA, . .	1876	WISCONSIN, . . . .	1877
OHIO, . . . . .	1876	WYOMING, . . . . .	1876
OREGON, . . . . .	1876-7		

Before proceeding to notice each of the foregoing publications, we feel it proper to make a few suggestions that seem appropriate as prefatory to the particular duty assigned to this Committee.

With all the regular Grand Lodges of the craft in the United States the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania holds the most fraternal relations of amity and harmony. We salute them, each and all, in the bonds of the brotherhood. It is our sincere wish that these relations may continue, and grow and strengthen. On our part nothing will be done to give reason to criticise the fullness of this wish, and its sincerity.

The landmarks of Masonry are the foundations on which the craft can only build for security and perpetuity. They are as the "faith once delivered to the saints," and apostacy as to either must invite the condemnation of those who, holding fast to the end in hope, expect the reward for being faithful. Whenever or wherever the landmarks are assailed, either covertly, insidiously, or by a combined effort, with a purpose however concealed, or for a pretext ever so plausible, or on a pretended justification colored by specious or popular delusions, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will firmly resist all such assaults, let the consequences be what they may. There can be neither unity nor harmony with those who, calling themselves by a name we reverence and honor, deny those solemn,



binding obligations by which the craft is cemented together, like stones in a great temple, by the force and value of these landmarks.

Pennsylvania has no mission in Masonry either to proselyte or reform. As we received the faith so we propose to hand it over to those who come after us, neither changed nor altered in jot or tittle. But Pennsylvania feels that she has a mission to preserve, conserve, protect and defend the foundations of Freemasonry. Not exulting, not proclaiming, not superserviceable, not meddlesome, not as a busy-body seeking for a cause to intervene in the affairs of others that do not concern her, yet firm as the eternal hills, bold as truth, sincere as a Samaritanian devotee, modest, earnest and unpretending, Pennsylvania will exercise her high prerogative as a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to enter her judgment against those who are false to Freemasonry, and within her jurisdiction put prohibition on false doctrine, heresy and schism.

It is but too apparent to the observing and thoughtful of the craft, that there does exist a restless spirit of innovation, here and there, which is seeking to "reform," modify, and make more acceptable to some, who regard themselves wiser in their generation than the children of light, the severe tests and binding principles of the ancient fraternity. The problematic philosophy of the student is mistaken for the teachings of the preceptor, and the glare of some scientific production of light which, by the untrained or impaired vision, is saluted as the sun-rise, are alike introducing mischief into Masonry. It has been said "that error is harmless if truth is left free to combat it," and in the exercise of this freedom is to be found the sure safeguard for the fraternity of Freemasons.

It should ever be remembered that there must be prudence in trying to do right, if good is to come out of the effort. We accept this rule as obligatory; but right must not be put in peril by prudential inaction.

These suggestions are made because in our view there is a necessity thus to speak, when we see that in Europe, as in some other places also, excited, mistaken and we hope mis-

guided men, who answer to the name of Masons, like other "latter-day" teachers, are setting up "new duties," and new notions and other novelties in the Masonic Temple. The benefits which are possible from all this are infinitesimal and cannot be measured, but the evils are boundless as the circumference of their influence.

Human genius in modern days in Masonry cannot expect, if it does it has failed in realizing it, to be a Solomon either in wisdom or power, in glory or achievement; but human faith to-day can animate the zeal of the sincere and humble of the craftsmen to stand round the foundation of the Temple, if they cannot reach its pinnacle, and prevent its profanation, or its destruction by some visionary zealot, rude skeptic, an emotional torch-bearer of a false light, or a pretender; who, mistaking error for the similitude of truth, is seeking notoriety to find only a grave and a fame as a disciple of *Eratostratus*.

We think, therefore, it behooves all those who believe they are resting in security on the ancient landmarks of the craft, to be watchful lest the outer door of the Temple is incautiously opened and the inner door entered by disturbers of the harmony, repose and integrity of the principles of the brotherhood. To eject such an intruder may be attended with trouble. To prevent his entrance depends on fidelity, courage and prudence. Such a disaster may be prevented. The remedy may be tedious, and attended with lingering perils. Security is worth the contest. The danger is concealed to the eyes of many by the plausible grounds on which it is placed by the inconsiderate. There can be no true interpretation of fundamental principles which carries in it their rejection. These fundamental principles are the outcome of the vital power which has preserved the traditions of the craft since the earliest of days. This vital power has preserved in full vigor the essence of these traditions. They are our landmarks. The destructive agencies of Time have failed to impair, obscure or destroy these landmarks. Interpretation, a novel or loose construction of their strict intent and meaning, must not do what Time has failed to accomplish.



Disruption of the craft is more to be deplored than the loss of ends or purposes, which can only be reached by violating the accepted meaning of the fundamental law. What benefit can result from injecting into this law new features by interpretation or whims of individuals, to subserve special ends or conciliate some who seek to put mere theories into practice in localities, and by this means divide the fraternity into factions or separate bodies? But can the landmarks be impaired by either legislation or interpretation? We reject such a proposition as impossible if Freemasonry is to maintain its peculiar individual character. There is no authority which will permit it. The ancient craft ceases to be what we regard it to be, desire to maintain, support and abide by, when it becomes something else by novelties, innovations or changes which interpretation is used to force into it.

The result of the change thus made is disruption of the fraternity. To awaken feud is un wisdom. The fraternity has been distracted in the past by antagonisms which have been ended after long suffering.

We have thus written under the conviction of a duty. It may be either a warning or an invocation. We have no other purpose than to awaken the craft to a danger which, small and inconsiderable as it may appear, if permitted to grow, may be more difficult to avoid or defeat.

Doubtless the suggestions we have made in the spirit of single devotion to Freemasonry may not appear of paramount importance now to some of our devoted colaborers in the craft. To them, if there are any who will be so impressed as they read what is here written, we tender our convictions as they come to us impelling the performance of a duty. We may be too deeply impressed with what to them has yet failed to intensify itself to their minds as a possible peril to the Grand Lodges of the brotherhood. If they are wiser than us, we rejoice. If they regard the danger as neither impending, nor portending evil, nor of importance, not of possible growth to the injury of the craft, we greatly rejoice that our views, mistaken as they are considered, have only enabled us to proclaim

from the turret of our Temple what the vigilant outlook is there placed unceasingly to essay to discover, the coming of a stranger who may be seeking entrance by clandestine means.

It was not our intention to particularize any of the causes for the words we have submitted, but we cannot forbear from noticing one or two which ought not to escape especial reference.

When we see that a "Grand Orient," professing to represent Freemasonry within its geographical boundaries, established or governed by secular power, depending on the political authority of the land for its existence, without the power of exercising a right inherent in all sovereign Grand Lodges of true Masons, yielding obedience to profane dictations, engrafting in the body of Freemasonry unknown and unheard of novelties, claiming the right to disturb the harmony of Grand Lodges by violating or destroying their supreme authority, and after bringing discord and confusion within its own borders, hoping to escape condemnation by assailing other jurisdictions, and ending the catalogue of offences against the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry by proclaiming the abolition of all acknowledgment of God as essential under its jurisdiction—then we think there is some justification for our fears. Against such a counterfeit specimen of a Grand Lodge of our craft we utter our solemn condemnation. We denounce it as false to Freemasonry. We reject all association with it. It is a dead branch on the body of Freemasonry. Let it be a herald of its own fate.

Without any desire to renew the expression of our views as to the condition of Masonry in Germany under the "Grand Lodge League," and the extraordinary proceedings styled Masonic which resulted in the formation of that "League, we cannot consent that the novelties which have been thus presented to the craft in the United States should be excluded from this reference.

The principal objection to this "German Diet" of so-called Masonic bodies is that it arrogates to itself a sort of Teutonic supremacy over the craft. The phlegmatic arrogance by which



rationalistic dogma asserts itself in cities and citadels of the modern "illuminati" in the land of the language of the Nibelungen Lied, the Vilkena Saga, the Empire of the Hohen-shaufens and the country of Goethe, may be appreciated by the universities, or defended by disciples of the doctrine of evolution, which rejects the concrete wisdom of mankind and accepts hypotheses that are made from hypothetical premises; but the ancient craft cannot follow such examples, or defend such teachings as applicable to its landmarks.

Freemasonry is a law unto itself. Its virtues, its principles, its peace, security and perpetuity depend on its isolation from the profane, and their ever-shifting purposes for what they term "progress."

The world to-day is filled with witnesses of a destruction which has signalized consequences of new theories, in conflict with accepted truth.

To protect our landmarks, to preserve their integrity unimpaired in our jurisdiction, we labor in that sublime faith which is "the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen."

In the action of some of our sister Grand Lodges, and especially in the reports of various Committees on Foreign Correspondence, much notice has been taken lately of what is called "Colored Masonry." Why this designation of what can never exist? Freemasonry has neither "color" nor any other qualifying description. It is either Freemasonry, or it is fraudulent, a false representation, a counterfeit, a cheat, and is best described by a word known to our lexicography as "clandestine," which means, we take it to be, false, fraudulent or counterfeit. That such a counterfeit exists is only evidence that human ingenuity does not hesitate in aiding the designs of those who desire to obtain by indirection what cannot else be secured. This subject of "Colored Masonry" is, we think, easily understood. A Lodge, was it a regular Lodge at any time? by some defective arrangement, assumed to possess what it called Masonic rights and privileges, and to grant the power

to others to use and exercise them. From this source was derived what was wrongfully and erroneously called Masonic rights. This Lodge we believe was neither, in general phraseology, *de jure* nor *de facto* a regularly constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. All it did was, therefore, "unlawful," void and of no effect under the jurisprudence of Freemasonry.

This Lodge, so unlawful, granted what it called Masonic powers to men and associations to exercise them, and also to "make Masons." It might as well have granted a power to make presidents, princes and potentates. Among these individuals were negroes, met to exercise these unlawfully granted counterfeit rights.

The people of this race availed themselves of an opportunity to become "a man and a *brother*." In time, numerically large as "brothers," they set up organizations, and in some places styled them "Grand Lodges."

The question has been mooted, as to these styled associations, and if, because of *their name*, they ought not to be considered as entitled to recognition by the fraternity of Freemasonry and its regular Lodges. The answer is plain: No. When truth toys with error it loses its virtue. No act by any regular Mason, or by any lawfully constituted body of Freemasons, can make that right which is inherently wrong.

To demonstrate that we have not expressed opinions of a new day or the obligations of a new duty to the craft, the following minute of our Grand Lodge of March 6, 1797, fully proves. Thus more than three quarters of a century ago the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania issued her mandate and proclaimed her judgment on this subject:

Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL communicated that a Lodge was said to be held in this city by a number of people of Black Color; that in consequence of an invitation, he, together with several other brethren, went to visit them last week at an house in Front street, where they were then holding a Lodge, as they called it, but that he found that they were not acquainted with the mysteries of the craft.

On motion made and seconded, ordered that the Masters of the different Lodges under the jurisdiction be informed that



it is the order of this Grand Lodge that none of the members of our Lodges visit the said pretended Masons of Black Color on pain of expulsion.

This was not "Colored Masonry," for it was simply a counterfeit. Thus we have taken the "color" out of this subject, and leave it.

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## ALABAMA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fifty-sixth Annual Grand Communication, held at the new Masonic Temple, Montgomery, Dec. 4, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother PALMER J. PILLANS, presiding. Brother DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Brother OLIVER S. BEERS, Chairman of Committee. We regret he did not receive a copy of our last Proceedings, but thank him for quoting us out of Brother J. W. SIMONS', Report of New York.

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## ARKANSAS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at Little Rock, October 9, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother M. L. BELL, presiding. Brother LUKE E. BARBER, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is quite a literary production.

We regret to see that several of the Past Grand Officers have died during the past year.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Brother GEORGE THORNBURGH. It is by no means an elaborate paper, but on the contrary, and yet he closes his report with these words: "The dreaded task is done." What would have been his remarks if the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had been received (which were not received) by him and noticed, therefore does not appear.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-ninth Annual Communication, held at the Masonic Temple, Little Rock, on the 8th of October, 1877. Most Worshipful Brother M. M. McGUIRE, Grand Master, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother L. E. BARBER, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is full, interesting, and its introductory sentences highly ornate. Our esteemed Brother DODGE, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, made a special report on the recognition of "*The Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory*." We cannot agree with Brother DODGE's criticism of Brother BROWN, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kansas. We do believe that geographical metes and bounds, fixed and regulated and determined, have very much to do with the assertion of Masonic sovereignty over a "territory," whether a state or province. An "Indian Territory," in our political nomenclature, may mean a fixed or an undefined portion of land; or it may mean a portion of land set apart, a "reservation," for an Indian tribe or tribes. Till the boundaries are fixed we cannot agree in the argument of Brother DODGE. We consider the views of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master DU VAL as unanswerable on this subject, and we cannot advise the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania yet to recognize this new Grand Lodge.

We do cordially approve of the special report of Brother DODGE on the subject of a Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, but above all we congratulate the craft in all the jurisdictions on the action of the Grand Lodge in appointing Brother DODGE Permanent Chairman of its Committee. There



will be no doubt hereafter as to the value of Brother DODGE's labor. He is no longer an *apprentice*, but a Master; and his short, strong and sagacious report on the Grand Lodge of Cuba proves our opinion to be correct.

Now a word as to Brother DODGE's review of this Grand Lodge in his report on Correspondence. He notices the proceedings of "three quarterly and one annual Communication," and hints that our "*brevity*" is our only merit. We did hope to conceal this, our strong point, but Brother DODGE has found it out. Still he is very, very kind in his merciful chastisement of our many delinquencies. His report is our model, and "this time" we hope he sees some improvement over the last. When we are a Master—then.

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, City of Victoria, February 17-28, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother W. F. WILLIAMS presiding. M. W. Brother COOT M. CHAMBERS, Grand Secretary. There is nothing in this report that requires special notice.

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## CALIFORNIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twenty-seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, October 10, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother JOHN MILLS BROWNE, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother ALEXANDER G. ABELL, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is an elaborate paper, and refers to domestic as well as subjects connected with other

Grand Lodges. We regret to see that he has sent representatives to the Grand Orient of Hungary, and the Grand Orient of Peru. In regard to the question in Ohio he takes the ground of the recognition of one sovereign and supreme Grand Lodge in one jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary on behalf of Brother WILLIAM H. HILL, Chairman of Committee of Correspondence, presented his report. The Grand Master seems to have impressed upon all of his subordinates the indifatigable labor that he himself discharges, for this report is itself like the Grand Master's address, very full and very able. It notices the proceedings of Pennsylvania, from the communication in 1875, down to that of March, 1876. We cannot agree with our Worshipful Brother HILL in speaking of the German Masonic League, and its effects, that "this cloud, once no larger than a man's hand, threatens a fierce and coming storm. We fear that one after another of the American Grand Lodges will be drawn into the Maelstrom." No! Worshipful Brother HILL, if the American Grand Lodges, as you call them, have the courage to assert and maintain their sovereignty, and defend their supremacy by the weapon known to us as non-communication, the storm will pass over, without either anger or tears, and the meridian of the glory of the Craft in the United States will be resplendent with Masonic virtue.

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## CONNECTICUT.

THE PROCEEDINGS of the Eighty-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, New Haven, January 17, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother E. B. ROWLE, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother L. A. DICKINSON, Grand Secretary.

A Special Communication was held at New Haven, May 7, 1876, to attend the funeral of the Grand Senior Deacon A. J. BETHEL.



The address of the Grand Master only interests the Craft in that jurisdiction.

No Report from Committee on Correspondence.

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## CUBA.

WE have received no official Proceedings of the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, but are in receipt of an official periodical, under the title of "*Le voz de Hiram*," which contains, *seriatim*, much information as to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. From it we consider the Grand Lodge to be prosperous and harmonious, working its way into recognition by the craft. We trust that prudence will mark its official action. Right Worshipful Brother ALMEDO, Grand Secretary, is earnest and energetic, and we wish him success in his arduous position.

We have received a copy of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, neatly printed, and very complete.

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## DELAWARE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Seventeenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Wilmington, October 4-5, 1876, Most Worshipful Grand Master GEO. W. CHAYTOR, presiding. Brother WM. S. HAYS, Grand Secretary. The address of the Grand Master refers to many subjects of general interest. There is no report from the Committee of Correspondence.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixty-sixth Annual Grand Communication held at Washington, November 8, 1876, together with the Special Communications of February 6, 9, and 23, 1876, May 10, 1876, September 19, 1867, (*sic.*?) and October 27, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother I. L. JOHNSON, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother W. R. SINGLETON, Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is rendered by Right Worshipful Brother SINGLETON, Chairman. Pennsylvania is noticed, in its Proceedings of June, 1875.

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 ENGLAND.

AN extract of the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication held June 6, 1877, at Freemason's Hall, London, a Special Grand Lodge, held January 3, 1877, and a Quarterly Communication held December 6, 1876.

At the Special Communication, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Provincial Grand Master, was on the throne. The Grand Master delivered an address on the subject of the National Life Boat Institution.

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 FLORIDA.

THE Proceedings of the Forty-seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Jacksonville, January 11 and 12, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. ALBERT



J. RUSSELL, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother DE WITT C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.

Fourteen Grand Lodges were represented by Grand Representatives.

The address of the Grand Master was unimportant.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Right Worshipful Brother D. C. DAWKINS, C. C. F. C. Pennsylvania is noticed—Proceedings of 1874. He refers most handsomely to the report of Brother E. COPPEE MITCHELL, LL.D.

Proceedings of the Forty-eighth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Masonic Hall, Jacksonville, January 9, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. ENOS WASGATE, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. DE WITT C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary. There were three Past Grand Masters present, and fifteen Grand Lodges represented by Grand Representatives. There was a Special Communication held on February 25, 1877. It was called to do honor to Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Bro. SAMUEL BENEZETT, who died suddenly at Jacksonville. Brother BENEZETT was a Pennsylvanian, and bore a name honored in our State, not in Masonry, but in philanthropy.

No report of Committee on Correspondence.

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## GEORGIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Ninety-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, held in the City of Macon, October 30, 1877. [The Independent Grand Lodge was established December 16, 1786. We note at the foot of the first page of the pamphlet, in referring to this subject by the Grand Secretary, says: By high authority the establishment of the

Provincial Grand Lodge of Georgia, with Right Worshipful ROGER LACEY as Provincial Grand Master, is fixed in 1733. It was certainly not later than 1735,]

The Most Worshipful Grand Master DAVID E. BUTLER, presiding, and Right Worshipful Brother J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, Grand Secretary.

On the 5th of October, 1877, there was "*an occasional Grand Lodge*" held at Augusta, to lay the corner stone of the Presbyterian church in the village of Summerville. On the 6th of October a "*called Communication*" was held at Rome "for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple."

On the 18th of October, 1877, "*an occasional Communication*" was held at Rome for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the "Shorter Female College."

We rejoice to see the activity and zeal of the craft in Georgia.

PROCEEDINGS of the Ninetieth Annual Grand Communication, held at Macon, October 31, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother DAVID E. BUTLER, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, Grand Secretary.

Twenty-three Grand Lodges were present by representatives.

Brother SAMUEL LAWRENCE presented the report of the Committee on Correspondence. Pennsylvania Proceedings of 1875 are noticed.

## IDAHO.

PROCEEDINGS of the Ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Boise City, September 12, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. J. W. GRIFFITH, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. CHARLES HIMROD, Grand Secretary.



The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from Bro. O. H. PURDY, Chairman. He refers to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1875. Has not our Worshipful Brother PURDY done us the exceeding great honor, undeserved and unworthy as we confess ourselves to be, to mistake us for our immediate predecessor, E. COPPEE MITCHELL, LL.D.? We feel ashamed of our insignificance when he quotes us as being the author of DR. MITCHELL'S report.

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## ILLINOIS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-eighth Annual Communication, at Chicago, October 2d, 1877.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. JOSEPH ROBBINS, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN F. BURRILL, Grand Secretary.

Three Past Grand Masters were present, and twenty-six Grand Lodges present by representatives; Pennsylvania among the number, by its representative, Right Worshipful Brother JOHN M. PEARSON.

The address of the Grand Master is a very full and exhaustive review of his official action and the affairs of his jurisdiction.

The oration of Right Worshipful Brother R. S. DEMENT, is a most excellent paper, chaste, brilliant and appropriate.

The special report of Right Worshipful Brother THEODORE T. GURNEY, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, on the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba and what is called "*a Grand Lodge*" of Colon, is a very ably prepared paper. We do not agree in the views expressed or in the force of the argument that reaches the conclusion to recognize neither of these claimants for Masonic fellowship in Cuba. So far as we are able to understand, Right Worshipful

Brother THEODORE T. GURNEY is the predecessor of Right Worshipful Brother THEODORE T. GURNEY — else we have failed to read aright the text of the proceedings. Be that as it may, the annual report of the present Right Worshipful Brother THEODORE T. GURNEY is so able, so wonderfully well put, so forcible in its dealing with the subjects it carefully considers, that the other THEODORE, or either of them, may well be proud to be taken one for the other. We bow in submission to the "*bastinading*" from this THEODORE. We are happy to know that our sins are so grievous as to require so much. We thank our Right Worshipful Brother, the present THEODORE T. GURNEY, for his fraternal notice of this Grand Lodge.

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## INDIANA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Indianapolis, May 22, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother FRANK S. DEVOL, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN M. BRAMWELL, Grand Secretary.

The annual address of the Grand Master refers to matters relating to the various Lodges under the jurisdiction, and other questions of local interest.

The seventh annual review of the Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Brother E. L. McLALLEN, we presume; no human being can read the name printed there as the chairman, but we assume it to be that, for on page 5 he is reported to be the chairman. Fortunately his report is more intelligible than his autograph. He refers to the Proceedings of Pennsylvania, and quotes Bro. MITCHELL'S Report on Correspondences kindly.



## IOWA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at Davenport, June 5, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. HENRY W. ROTHERT, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother THEODORE S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary.

The typographical work on what is styled the "Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa," the ornamental title page, and displayed engraved headings, are noticeable. It rather strikes us as plethoric. We would not mention it, though, except as it is very late at night when we write, and even this is a relief; besides, in the affluence of Iowa, we observe that every one of the Grand Officers has three names. May be this accounts for it all.

The pamphlet is admirably printed; type and paper are excellent. The Grand Master's address is very full, and he follows New Jersey, in breaking up his address under specific heads. The initial letter of this address we should like to know something about—it has a tent, and a flag and a cross, altogether making the letter B. Probably it is a triad, like those names.

The report of the Committee of Correspondence is rendered by Worshipful Brother WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE, who makes a very excellent report. He notes Pennsylvania, in 1876. He speaks very kindly of us, and we tender him our most fraternal salutations.

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 KANSAS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Special Grand Communication, held at Leavenworth, November 20-21, 1875. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother ISAAC B. SHARP, presiding. Right

Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BROWN, Secretary. It was held on the occasion of the death of Past Grand Master Bro. RICHARD R. REES, the first Grand Master of Masons in Kansas. The Proceedings of the Twenty-first Annual Grand Communication, held at Emporia, October 17, 18, 19, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother ISAAC B. SHARP, presiding. Bro. JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of pseudo Masonry, made an interesting report, which concludes with the follow sentence: "Your committee are unable to see that any legislation on this subject is necessary, and therefore recommend that no action be taken, and ask that they may be discharged from its further consideration." As this pseudo Masonry is called otherwise Colored Masonry, and as some interest must attach to the action of Freemasonry in Kansas, with its past history, we cite this conclusion of the Committee with great satisfaction.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN H. BROWN, Chairman of Committee. It is a carefully prepared paper, and notices Pennsylvania, speaks flatteringly and truthfully of Brother CHARLES E. MEYER, Chairman of Library Committee, notes Grand Master POTTER's address, and the address of Brother CLARK, elected Grand Master in 1876, and is pleased to notice our Communication.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twenty-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Representative Hall, Topeka, October 17, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother JACOB D. RUSH, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master referring, in his address, to the institution of Freemasonry, says, "I fear the true object and intent of our noble Order is in many instances being perverted into uses entirely foreign to the original design laid down upon our trestle board." We have no right to express any opinion, but taking such high authority, we may be permitted to



remark that this "*fear*" might exist without hurt in some of the newly-formed Grand Lodges in that portion of our country. We only make this suggestion; we have no opinion to offer.

The Committee on Correspondence makes report by Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN H. BROWN as Chairman. He refers to the report of Pennsylvania of March, 1876. He mentions the report of the Committee on Appeals upon the penalty for perjury, when made as a charge against a member of the craft.

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## KENTUCKY.

PROCEEDINGS of the Seventy-seventh Annual Communication, held at the Masonic Temple, Louisville, October 19, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother JOHN H. LEATHERS, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN M. TODD, Grand Secretary.

We notice thirteen Past Grand Masters present, and that Most Worshipful Brother PALMER J. PILLANS, Grand Master of Alabama, was received with Masonic honors. The Grand Master's address was pithy and pertinent.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Right Worshipful Bro. THOMAS TODD, Chairman.

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## LOUISIANA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixty-fifth Annual Communication, held February 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1877, in Grand Lodge Hall, New Orleans. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother

JOHN GRAHAM FLEMING, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is very interesting. His notice of the resignation of the representative of Louisiana near the Grand Mother Lodge of Elective Union, at Frankford-on-the-Main, and also its representative near the Grand Lodge of Saxony, at Dresden, shows that he fully sympathises with Pennsylvania in her views of the German Masonic Diet. These representatives resigned because they could not represent this Grand Lodge under the theory of the exclusive jurisdiction of American Masonic Grand Lodges.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is signed by a Committee; we assume that Bro. G. H. BRAUGHN is the young pen in an old hand, if we read correctly the first paragraph of the report. It is an elaborate, exhaustive and masterly review of the subjects on which he treats. He says he is glad he has finished his first report. If he continues as he has begun, we think he will be far more glad when he finishes his last. His notice of Pennsylvania is most fraternal. We congratulate the craft universal on the clear-cut expression of his devotion to what is called the American doctrine, which being translated into plain English, is that the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in the United States will not permit foreign Grand Lodges to interfere with them, without resenting it.

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## MAINE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fifty-eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at Congress Hall, Portland, May 1, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother ALBERT MOORE, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother IRA BERRY, Recording Grand Secretary, and Brother JOSEPH M. HAYES, Corresponding Grand Secretary.



The Grand Master's address is replete with interesting matter for this Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, having been prepared and printed prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, was attached to the Grand Master's address and presented to the Grand Lodge. The work of the report is by our distinguished Brother JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND. Brother DRUMMOND will please to remember that we hold ourselves competent to judge of the weight of Masonic evidence in deciding questions of Masonic jurisprudence, and when he charges us with having decided the question of the Grand Lodge of Cuba on *ex parte* statements, and condemns it, we venture to remark that he made this statement on *ex parte* evidence.

In noticing Pennsylvania specially, if we understand Brother DRUMMOND, he criticises our report on the German Bund, and portions of our report on the recognition of Cuba. We do not intend to reply to these criticisms, for they are unworthy of serious contravention. If the terms "Ancients" and "Moderns" are regarded by Brother DRUMMOND as equivalent to the distinctions between the "York" and "A. and A. Rite," then all further remark on the subject by us is useless. There is one singular position of Bro. DRUMMOND, as to the power of the A. and A. Rite, that causes us to smile as we read it. Brother DRUMMOND tries to make it appear that, because the A. and A. Rite does not exercise control over the three symbolic degrees, its power to do so is extinct. As well might he argue that the seclusion of the anchorite destroys his virility; but may be it does in Maine. Brother DRUMMOND's report is like all that comes from his pen, able, interesting and exhaustive. Brother DRUMMOND, please take notice, *this is not an ex parte opinion.*

## MANITOBA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Second Annual Grand Communication, held at Winnipeg, June 13 to 16, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother GEO. F. NEWCOMB, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN H. BELL, Grand Secretary.

The hope we expressed last year, that a Committee of Correspondence should be appointed by this Grand Lodge, we renew, and while we are in the hoping line, let us express one or two more hopes. We hope that the Grand Lodge, or somebody representing it, will tell us who the eminent Bro. JAMES E. MORRISON, of Pennsylvania, is, who is credited with recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba; and we hope that the same representative will inform our benighted understandings as to the true meaning and derivation of the word "*Agalasy*," as applied to Grand Lodges. We confine the address of our hopes, however, to our distinguished Brother, A. J. SYMONDS, "Chairman of the Special Committee of Board of General Purposes," because we hold that one of the purposes of this Chairman is to make this explanation. We wish the Grand Lodge success, health growth, strength and wisdom.

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## MARYLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of the Annual Communication, held November 21 and 22, 1876, Masonic Temple, Baltimore. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother JOHN H. B. LATROBE, presiding. Brother J. H. MEDAIRY, Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee of Correspondence was submitted for the Committee by Brother JOHN S. TYSON. In noticing Pennsylvania, Brother TYSON refers to the report of



our Committee by Brother Dr. E. COPPEE MITCHELL, and notices the special report of this Committee of March, 1876. Brother TYSON expresses no opinion as to the Grand Orient of Spain, and Grand Master LATROBE none as to the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba. Possibly our respected brother can understand why we have nothing to say respecting the Grand Orients of Brazil and Portugal, even though they are recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

PROCEEDINGS of the Semi-Annual Grand Communication, held May 9, 1877, at Masonic Temple, Baltimore. In the absence of Most Worshipful Grand Master LATROBE, and the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Lodge was opened in form by Senior Grand Warden Brother JOHN M. CARTER. Right Worshipful Brother J. H. MEDAIRY, Grand Secretary.

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## MASSACHUSETTS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Special Communication, held March 8, 1877; Quarterly Communication, March 14, 1877; Special Communication, March 23, 1877, at Masonic Temple, Boston. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, presiding. Brother CHARLES H. TITUS, Recording Grand Secretary. Bro. GEORGE P. SANGER, Corresponding Grand Secretary.

The Special Communication in March was held for celebrating the "One hundredth Anniversary of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge as a Sovereign and Independent Grand Lodge." There were present Most Worshipful Brother JOHN J. BELL, Grand Master of Masons of New Hampshire; Grand Master SMITH, of Vermont; Grand Master VAN SLYCK, of Rhode Island; Grand Master ROWE, of Connecticut; Past Grand Master DRUMMOND, of Maine; Past Grand Master BOWMAN, of Vermont; Past Grand Master DOYLE, of Rhode Island; and Grand Secretary CLARK, of Vermont.

PROCEEDINGS of the Quarterly Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Boston, September 12, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES H. TITUS, Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on the petition of Blanchard and others of Caleb Butler Lodge, we observe, objects to a man's being made a Mason because he lacked sound sense, good judgment and is easily influenced by others, and the report of the Lodge Committee on such case is final. We would just quæry here, in the most perfect charity and sublime ignorance, whether it was ever intended that rule should apply in Massachusetts, or any where else, in all its rigor.

The address of Bro. WOODBURY is an interesting historical document, and, we think, creditable to the name of WOODBURY. The copies of old documents attached to this address are of great historic value. We notice those from this Grand Lodge, Rev. Dr. Brother WILLIAM SMITH, Grand Secretary. Our Grand Master was invited to be present, and his note declining the honor is inserted. The speeches of the distinguished brethren who were present satisfied those of us who were afar off, as we read them, that the effervescent and sparkling power of Brother *Roderer* was present. We are satisfied it wasn't Bro. *Dry Mumm*.

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## MICHIGAN.

PROCEEDINGS of the Special Communication held at Detroit, May 4, 1875. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother G. H. DURAND, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. E. J. GARFIELD, Grand Secretary, *pro tem*.

The Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of laying



the corner stone of the Public Library Building, in Centre Park.

The Ninety-second Annual Grand Communication was held at Grand Rapids, January 25, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master DURAND, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. FOSTER PRATT, M. D., Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is interesting.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, held at Grand Rapids, January 23, 1877.

Most Worshipful Brother MATTHEW H. MAYNARD, Grand Master, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. EMERY J. GARFIELD, Grand Secretary. There were nine Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters present.

The address of the Grand Master refers mostly to domestic matters.

We cannot understand the parting salutation of our highly esteemed Brother E. J. GARFIELD, Grand Secretary, with which he closes his very admirable report as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. It is thus he writes: "Adieu, a heart-warm, fond adieu"—where is Brother GARFIELD going—for he adds, "we bid our friends in Michigan and elsewhere good bye for the present."

No Brother GARFIELD, we will not, by returning this form of salutation, "speed the parting" brother. We have read your report with pleasure, and thank you for your fraternal mention—and hope in the coming year to read you again. Your report will make you many friends who would well say, "good by till 'twere to-morrow."

Our Right Worshipful Bro. FOSTER PRATT, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, under his notice of Connecticut, refers to a question of some general importance to the craft. The case he refers to is this: An E. A. made in Pittsburg, in our jurisdiction, presented to a Lodge in Connecticut a dimit, and asked for advancement. This, on ballot, was *twice refused*.

by the Connecticut Lodge. The matter was referred to the Grand Master, and he called an emergent Communication of the Lodge [by which it became a Grand Lodge,] and in the exercise of his prerogative, and without a ballot, conferred the remaining degrees. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut did not approve of this action of the Grand Master. Brother PRATT, of the Michigan Committee, expresses no opinion, but asks some questions as to the proceedings of the Grand Master [and, we add, of the Grand Lodge] in the case.

We have an opinion on the question, and that is the Grand Master had the *right* to confer the degrees—and the person is a Master Mason, but he is neither a member of the Lodge to which he applied [and in which the Grand Master advanced him] nor the Grand Lodge—he is somewhat like Mahomet's coffin, which is said to be between earth and heaven. We would like to know how he hails when he visits any other Grand jurisdiction; that is not so very clear.

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## MINNESOTA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twenty-fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at St. Paul's, January 9, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother J. C. BRADEN, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother A. T. C. PIERSON, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master related merely to questions pertaining to the Grand Lodge. As the action of the craft in Minnesota on the subject of Colored Masonry, from the peculiar location of this jurisdiction, is important, we quote the following first and second resolutions attached to the report of the Special Committee raised by that Grand Lodge on that subject. The Chairman of the Committee was Brother A. T. C. PIERSON, who signs the report—prominent alike in Masonry as in the public estimation.

The first resolution is as follows :



*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Minnesota declines to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, located at Boston, for the reason of its irregular formation.

"2d. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge cannot recognize charters as having any validity in this State except those issued by its authority, and that it cannot issue charters except to such Masons as are of its obedience."

There were but seven votes in the Grand Lodge against these two resolutions. If we may be permitted to express an opinion, there is very little color for clandestine Masonry in Minnesota.

Brother PIERSON is also Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, and in a very clever report on that subject, refers to Pennsylvania, and notices the Annual Communication of 1875, and the Special Communication of March, 1876. His notice of us is most fraternal.

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## MISSISSIPPI.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fifty-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Genella's Hall, Vicksburg, Feb. 7, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother JOHN Y. MURRY, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. J. L. POWER, Grand Secretary.

Five Past Grand Masters were present.

The address of the Grand Master is a model report of his work during the year.

All the reports of the Special Committees are well and carefully prepared.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is rendered by Brother JOHN T. BUCK, for the Committee. He quotes Brother DRUMMOND, of Maine, as authority for the statement that 594,617 is the total membership on the continent of North America. In his notice of Pennsylvania, he refers to

the Quarterly Communication of June, 1875, speaks approvingly of Brother MITCHELL, and refers to the Special Report in March, 1876. It is quite an able paper.

We have received a copy of the Grand Officers, Standing Committees, Regulations and Decisions of this Grand Lodge.

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## MISSOURI.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS of the Fifty-seventh Annual Communication, held at St. Louis, October 9, 1877. Most Worshipful XENOPHON RYLAND, Grand Master, presiding, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN M. LUKE, Grand Secretary. [Peace to his ashes; long may his memory be green; a single flower on his tomb, we in sorrow lay here, as we miss the long familiar name of our dear brother, GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, as Grand Secretary].

The address of the Grand Master, among other subjects, refers to the "foreign relations" of the Grand Lodge. Fraternal relations were opened with the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the 6th of November, 1876, and Representatives interchanged. His address is very full and interesting.

Right Worshipful Brother JOHN W. LUKE, as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, made a special report, recognizing the "Grand Lodge of Egypt;" (?) Action as to the Grand Lodge of Cuba was postponed.

There was a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri held October 11, 1877. The special report of the Committee appointed to prepare a memorial as a tribute to the deceased Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Bro. GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, was presented.



We are impressed with the character of this memorial tribute to the memory of our departed brother. It is concise, full of deep feeling and most appropriate.

We see that much of the work of the Committee on Correspondence was done by Brother GOULEY before his death, and we sincerely wish for his successor, our Right Worshipful Brother J. W. LUKE, that he may rise to the distinction, by the same long service, which marked all that came from the pen of his lamented predecessor.

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## MONTANA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twelfth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana, held at Helena, October, 1876. Most Worshipful HARRY R. COMLY, Grand Master, presiding. Right Worshipful Brothers J. R. BOYCE, Grand Representative from Kentucky, J. M. Knight, from Manitoba, E. S. STACKPOLE, Wisconsin and West Virginia, J. R. ALDEN, Louisiana, and HEDGES, from Iowa, were present.

Most Worshipful J. M. KNIGHT was elected Grand Master, and CORNELIUS HEDGES Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee of Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES, the Grand Secretary. We wish that, on the day our Right Worshipful Brother began his duties in the soft mellow light "of the declining September sun, which admonished him that his duties were to be accelerated," our lot had been by his side, in the pure, sweet fresh air of his mountain home. His report shows he made haste slowly. The notice of Pennsylvania is kind and satisfactory. To the concluding prayer of our brother we say "so mote it be," but not good night, our brother, not good night; rather, blessed day, for it is coming morning as we write.

## NEBRASKA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Nineteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Lincoln, June 20, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother ALFRED G. HASTINGS, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is pleasant reading. The oration delivered by the Grand Orator, Brother JAMES LAIRD, is quite rhetorical and instructive. The Grand Orator calls the Dionysian Mysteries, Grecian Masonry, and we agree with him. He computes, correctly we think, "Ancient Masonry an age of ten centuries before the birth of Christ;" but to comprehend the learning of this portion of the oration, it must be read in full.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is rendered by J. N. WISE, Chairman of Committee. It is an admirable paper. His notice of Pennsylvania includes the Quarterly Communication of March, 1876.

## NEVADA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Special Grand and Twelfth Annual Grand Communications, the former held at Gold Hill, August 2, 1876, and the latter at the Masonic Hall, Virginia City, November 21-24, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. ROBERT W. BOLLEN, presiding, and Right Worshipful Bro. SAMUEL W. CHUBBUCK, Grand Secretary.

The Special Communication was held for the laying of the corner stone of—(what?).

The address of the Grand Master at the Twelfth Annual Communication, like almost all of the addresses we have noticed, refers to "*Colored Masonry*."



The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by V. Worshipful Bro. ROBERT H. TAYLOR. It is a very lengthy paper, noticing Pennsylvania, quotes from our predecessor, DR. BROTHER COPPEE MITCHELL's report upon the origin of Masonry in Pennsylvania at great length, and refers to the Communication of this Grand Lodge of March, 1876.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Manchester, December 28, 1876. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN J. BELL, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN A. HARRIS, Grand Secretary (since deceased). And also Proceedings of Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held at Concord, May 17, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother WILLIAM BARRETT, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN A. HARRIS, Grand Secretary. There is nothing of special interest in the address of the Grand Master.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is presented by Bro, JOHN J. BELL, with an explanatory note, explaining the subdivision of labor among the Committee, owing to no report having been prepared at the last Annual Communication. In the division of the labor, Pennsylvania was relegated to Right Worshipful Bro. ALBERT S. WAIT. Brother WAIT notices the Proceedings of Pennsylvania of 1875, refers to the election of Brother CLARK, and his address delivered at the beginning of his term; refers to the report of Bro. Dr. MITCHELL on Correspondence, quotes parts approvingly, and incidentally mentions the special report of March, 1876.

PROCEEDINGS of the Semi-Annual Communication held at the Masonic Temple, Manchester, Tuesday, December 27, 1876,

and also of Annual Communication held at the Masonic Temple, Concord, May 16, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. JOHN J. BELL, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN A. HARRIS, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, by his address, seems to have had some trouble with "The Work" in his jurisdiction during the year.

Worshipful Bro. JOSEPH E. BENNETT, presented his report as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. We are gratified at the notice of our Grand Lodge, because it shows that Bro. BENNETT is after the cream in his review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges, and has no disposition to "intermeddle" with their "domestic affairs." His report is sufficiently full, clear and instructive.

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## NEW JERSEY.

PROCEEDINGS of the Nineteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Assembly Rooms, Taylor Hall, Trenton, January 17 and 18, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. REV. MARSHALL B. SMITH, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH H. HOUGH, Grand Secretary.

The address of Grand Master SMITH is excellent; we like the mode in which he presents it. He favors the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba. We take occasion to express our satisfaction with the style of presentation and matter of the Grand Master's address.

APPENDIX, containing report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the State of New Jersey, 1877. This report is credited to Brother "ALEXANDER FULLERTON for the Committee." It is dated December 11, 1876. We find on examination that Brother FULLERTON has devoted much attention and time to the preparation of his report. Very many of



the abstracts of the proceedings of Grand Lodges are creditable to his power of condensation, and are valuable in this respect.

We regret the notice he makes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The tone of his review is flippant; the spirit which actuated it, if not puerile, would be unmasonic. That portion of the report which criticises the action of Pennsylvania in relation to the German Masonic Diet, is treated as though logic had run mad in our brother's mind. How a surrender of a right to one who could not exercise it for want of capacity to take the surrendered right thereby confers the capacity, is not plain to us. The validity of an act which is unlawful is not a possibility. But Brother FULLERTON will, as he gains knowledge, be able to refute his own position. We prefer to leave him wrestling with himself, if it is confined to where the effect will not result in consequential damage.

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## NEW YORK.

TRANSACTIONS of the Ninety-sixth Annual Grand Communication, held June 5, 1877, in Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Temple, City of New York. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. JAMES W. HUSTED, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. JAMES M. AUSTIN, M. D., Grand Secretary.

On June 8, 1877, Most Worshipful Bro. JOSEPH J. COUCH, of Brooklyn, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. JAMES M. AUSTIN, M. D., Grand Secretary.

Right Worshipful Bro. JOHN W. SIMONS contributes, as usual, a most valuable paper in his Report as Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Bro. SIMONS notices Pennsylvania kindly. In referring to the Grand Lodge of England, Bro. SIMONS says, that at its Quarterly Communication, last March, two appeals were passed upon, of not much importance in themselves, but tending to show that the Eng-

lish practice is like our own. We desire to mention one, as follows: A Master of a Lodge invited a Past Master to be present at a meeting of the Lodge to confer the Third Degree. To this the Senior Warden objected, on the ground that when the Master failed to officiate it was his duty. To this objection the Master ruled, that a brother officiating in his presence, being so invited, he was responsible for the act of this officiating Master. The Grand Lodge took the same view, and dismissed the appeal. Let us here, parenthetically, say that in Pennsylvania this doctrine was never doubted.

Bro. SIMONS refers to the Grand Lodge of Cuba, approves our action in regard to it, and the Grand Lodge of New York recognises that Grand Lodge.

We are especially interested in so much of Bro. SIMONS' able Report as refers to the German Grand Lodge League. When we, in our last report, took up this subject, and expressed an opinion in regard to it, condemning it as unmasonic, in our view, we had no light from other decisions to guide us. Bro. SIMONS confirms our views. We thank Bro. SIMONS, on behalf of the craft, for his labors in Freemasonry. As an able, enlightened and educated Masonic student Brother Right Worshipful Past Grand Master SIMONS has few equals, and no superior, in the fraternity.

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## NORTH CAROLINA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Annual Grand Communication, held at Raleigh, December 5, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master GEORGE W. BLOUNT, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. DONALD W. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is concise, and restricted to domestic questions.

No Report of the Committee on Correspondence.



## OHIO

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixty-seventh Annual Grand Communication, held October 17-19, 1876, at Columbus. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. CHARLES A. WOODWARD, presiding. Bro. JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.

We have no comments to make on the special order of the second day (Wednesday's) sitting of that Grand Lodge, nor the proceedings had thereon. It concerns Ohio directly. It belongs to her domestic affairs. Whatever this Grand Lodge may do, or has done, which affects the universal principles of the craft, will receive such notice as the importance of the subject demands.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our esteemed Brother CALDWELL. In reading his notice of Pennsylvania, we find that what is comprehensible in it is so plain as to need no comment, and what is incomprehensible in it is so abstruse that it becomes obtuse.

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 OREGON.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twenty-seventh Annual Grand Communication held at Portland, June 11, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. J. H. KUNZIE, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother R. P. EARHEART, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is very full, and prepared with care. The decisions are numerous.

The installation of the Grand Officers was quite a spirited affair.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. S. F. CHADWICK, Chairman of the Committee. Bro. CHADWICK has devoted much attention to the subject. He quotes Grand Master CLARK's address, and notices Pennsylvania

and the Report of our Committee in March, 1876. We trust that he will have no occasion again to miss a copy of our Proceedings, which are regularly sent to the Grand Lodge by mail.

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## SCOTLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at its Quarterly Grand Communication, held in September last, adopted a special report made by this Committee, by direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Master ROBERT CLARK, opening Masonic relations with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Scotland. The grounds for the action of our Grand Lodge are set forth in the special report, and it is hereto annexed:

### TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE:

The Committee of Correspondence ask leave to present the following report:

From lawful Masonic information, the Committee of Correspondence have learned with deep regret that some of the so-called "Grand Orients" on the continent of Europe, doubtless, we hope, in Masonic charity, from ignorance of the opinions of the Grand Lodges of the United States, and a due regard for their Masonic rights as they understand them, have continued to invade the sovereign jurisdiction of these Grand Lodges, and in opposition to the established doctrines of such sovereignties, and by the action of these "Grand Orients" producing discord in the Craft in the United States.

Your Committee, after much anxious deliberation on this subject, deem it proper for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to open Masonic communication with those Ancient Grand Lodges with which as yet no formal interchange of Masonic relations exists, in order that thereby the views and opinions of this Grand Lodge may at least be known as a conservative corrective of the action of these Grand Orients in Europe.



Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That "The Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging," opens Masonic intercourse and fraternal Masonic relations with the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, and the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary be requested to forward a copy of this report and resolution, and also a copy of the report of this Committee presented to and approved by this Grand Lodge at its March Communication, 1876, with the fraternal hope that thereby the best interests of the Craft may be guarded and secured.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD VAUX, P. G. M.,

*Chairman.*

Right Worshipful Grand Master CLARK appointed Worshipful Brother OFFICER the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA.

PROCEEDINGS of the One Hundredth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Charleston, Dec. 12, 1876; also special Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Charleston, June, 8, 1876, to lay the corner stone of a Monument in memory of the defenders of Fort Moultrie.

We notice that in the corner stone of the Monument, there laid by the Grand Lodge, was a reprint of the *Philadelphia Gazette* of Dec. 24, 1773.

At both the Special and Centennial Communications, Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE presided. Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, Grand Secretary.

In the Grand Master's address we notice, under the title "Work," this sentence: "A notable exception being the

Pennsylvania Work, which, according to Mackey, much more resembles the English than the American. It is well that this be remembered, since, in visiting that jurisdiction, or examining visitors from thence, confusion and misconception may be thereby prevented."

We are glad to note this recognition of the distinction of Pennsylvania Work. It is certainly the most ancient, the purest, and the most simple, practised under the authority of any Grand Lodge on this continent, and we are glad our distinguished and Most Worshipful Brother of South Carolina gives us the opportunity thus to affirm his endorsement of Brother Mackey.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, the Grand Secretary. Pennsylvania is noticed. Brother COPPEE MITCHELL's Report, as our predecessor, is only criticised as follows: "There is only one thing to which we object, the way in which Brother MITCHELL spells our name; we like to see it spelled in the way *we* spell it— *and that's all.*" Poor Brother Dr. Mitchell! this is the second time he has been rasped over the knuckles for misspelling people's names. Though he worthily holds the title of LL. D., and deservedly, too, and is Professor of Law in the University of Pennsylvania, he can neither spell "Inglesby" nor "Bonner" [see review of Texas] correctly. Such is learning.

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## TENNESSEE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixty-Third Annual Grand Communication, held at Nashville, Nov. 3, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother J. C. CAWOOD, presiding. Brother JOHN F. FRIZZELL, Grand Secretary. Nine Past Grand Masters were present.

No report from the Committee on Correspondence.



## TEXAS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Forty-first Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Houston, December 14, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother MARCUS F. MOTT, presiding. Right Worshipful Bro. GEORGE H. BRINGHURST, Grand Secretary. Eight Past Grand Masters present.

The address of the Grand Master is a carefully prepared paper, and he concluded by quoting the first stanza of that grand old hymn, "Jerusalem the Golden."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is rendered by Worshipful Brother E. H. CUSHING, Chairman. He notices the Proceedings of Pennsylvania for the year 1875, and refers to Brother E. COPPEE MITCHELL's Report on Correspondence. We do not propose to be the subject of the same criticism that Brother CUSHING gives to Brother MITCHELL. We are not aware of the particular profane titles of Brother CUSHING, but we find his name mentioned, Bro. E. H. CUSHING, as taking an active part in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge. He is Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, Chairman on Foreign Correspondence, and on the Committee No 2, on Grievances and Appeals, and he seems ably and faithfully to perform all his duties, of which his Report on Correspondence is a striking evidence. We now think Brother E. H. CUSHING stands at the head of the roll for the next Centennial.

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 UTAH.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fifth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Salt Lake City, November 14, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. EDMUND P. JOHNSON, presiding. Right Worshipful CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is rendered by Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL. He kindly notices Pennsylvania, and refers to the Special Report of March, 1876, with high approbation.

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## VERMONT.

PROCEEDINGS of the Eighty-fifth Annual Communication, held in the city of Burlington, June 13, 1877. Most Worshipful Bro. HENRY H. SMITH, Grand Master, presiding. Bro. HENRY CLARK, Grand Secretary.

The Report of the Committee of Correspondence, Brother HENRY CLARK, Chairman, refers to the March, 1876, Communication of our Grand Lodge, and kindly refers to the Special Report of this Committee made to our Grand Lodge in March, 1876. It also notices that Worshipful Bro. ISAAC PHILLIPS, Past Grand Master of New York, and Worshipful Brother JAMES N. MOORE, Grand Treasurer of Nebraska, were present. It quotes, approving, the notice by Grand Master CLARK of the Grand Lodge of Cuba. We must in truth remark that we like the style in which Brother CLARK handles the Foreign Correspondence.

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## VIRGINIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Annual Communication held at the City of Richmond, December 11, 12 and 13, 1876. The Grand Lodge opened with Most Worshipful WM. B. TALIAFERRO, Grand Master, presiding.



There were present Right Worshipful Brother JAMES A. SCOTT, Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; PEYTON JOHNSTON, Ireland; W. B. TALIAFERRO, Dacotah, and GEORGE W. DAME, Canada.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master delivered his annual address. Right Worshipful WILLIAM B. ISAACS was elected Grand Secretary. The address of the Grand Master, feelingly and most appropriately, referred to the death of the Grand Secretary, Worshipful Brother JOHN DOVE, M. D., the oldest Grand Secretary in the world. It is remarkable that the Grand Lodge lost by death three of its Grand Officers—Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Grand Lecturer—during the year 1876.

There is no report from the Committee of Correspondence.

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## WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS of the Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington, held at Olympia, September, 1876. Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, OLIVER P. LACY, presiding. Most Worshipful PLATT ADAMS PRESTON, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful THOMAS MELBURNE was elected Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee of Correspondence was presented by Brother THOMAS M. REED, which does not require further notice than that it is free from words without meaning, or meaning without words.

We fear that the Grand Lodge is laboring in that field of innovation which will bring no sweet fruit, for the committee of jurisprudence desires "a National Grand Lodge of the United States." When perfection is secured in all the sovereign Grand Lodges of the several States, then it will be time to wonder what else is to be perfected.

PROCEEDINGS of the Nineteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, City of Olympia, September 27, 1876. Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Bro. OLIVER P. LACY, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS M. REED, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address was presented by the Grand Secretary. He refers to the loss of the steamship "Pacific," by which the craft lost some of its most accomplished and active members, who were returning home.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Bro. THOMAS M. REED. There is nothing in it to remark. If brevity is the soul of wit, it is the wittiest we have seen, for it covers only a page and a half.

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## WISCONSIN.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-third Annual Grand Communication, held at the Hall of Wisconsin Lodge, No. 13, Milwaukee, June 12, 1877. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother JEDD P. C. COTTRILL, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. WOODHULL, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address, calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to the deaths of Brother JOHN DOVE, M. D., Grand Secretary of Virginia, and Brother GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, Grand Secretary of Missouri.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is rendered by Brother JOHN W. WOODHULL, Chairman of Committee. He notices Pennsylvania kindly, but thinks we have committed a "blunder" in not recognizing the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory.



## WYOMING.

PROCEEDINGS of the Second Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Ceyenne, October 10, 1876. Most Worshipful Grand Master EDGAR P. SNOW, presiding. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN K. JEFFREY, Grand Secretary.

There is nothing specially to notice in the Grand Master's address.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Bro. JEFFREY, Chairman of Committee. We observe they recognize the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory. Pennsylvania is noticed.

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OF the many printed Communications received by the Grand Secretary, and referred to this Committee, purporting to be Proceedings of Grand Bodies of the Craft, and which have received no notice from this Committee at this time, we have only to remark, that at present it is not deemed necessary to make any other mention of them. The rule that has governed us, since we have been intrusted with the duties and responsibilities of Chairman of this Committee, is to refer to no Grand Lodge until official Masonic Communication is established between it and us. While it may be that some of these Grand Bodies, yet unnoticed, are entitled to fraternal recognition, our judgment has not been convinced that proper Masonic grounds exist for such recognition by Pennsylvania. There is a weighty responsibility resting upon a Grand Lodge of the craft, when it casts its voice for the admission of a new member into the sisterhood of sovereign Grand Lodges. The impulse of Masonic friendship impels to extending the hand

of fellowship to those who ask admission, but the calm and conservative course which Masonic prudence dictates, is to wait until no doubt presents itself as to the propriety of such action. The harmony and unity of the sisterhood of Grand Lodges, and the cordial relations that should exist between those that exchange recognition and communication, are too important to be put in jeopardy by the introduction among them of an organization of the Craft whose character has not been tested by observation and the experience which grows out of it. We prefer to maintain cordial amity between those that we recognize, ourselves, and the craft in general, so far as our action is concerned, rather than run a risk, however remote, of disturbing it.

To our brethren, Chairmen of Committees, whose Reports we have had under review, we offer the testimony of our sincere, earnest and fraternal respect.

We cannot close this Report without thus publicly expressing our heartfelt thanks for the most valuable aid we have received in preparing it from our esteemed friend and Worshipful Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA.

On behalf of the Committee,

RICHARD VAUX, P. G. M.,

*Chairman of Committee.*

PHILADELPHIA, St. John's Day, 1877.

















GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.



ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

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# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, March 5th, A. D. 1879, A. L. 5879.

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### P R E S E N T :

- Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, - *R. W. Grand Master.*  
“ CONRAD B. DAY, - *R. W. Senior Grand Warden,*  
*acting R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*  
“ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, - *R. W. Junior Grand Warden,*  
*acting R. W. Senior Grand Warden.*  
“ R. J. C. WALKER, - *R. W. Junior Grand Warden,*  
*pro tem.*  
“ THOMAS R. PATTON, - *R. W. Grand Treasurer.*  
“ JOHN THOMSON, - *R. W. Grand Secretary.*
- “ JOHN THOMSON, -  
“ RICHARD VAUX, -  
“ ALFRED R. POTTER, } *R. W. Past Grand Masters.*  
“ SAMUEL C. PERKINS, }  
“ ROBERT CLARK, - }

Ninety-five Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 6 o'clock 20 minutes, P. M.

The Grand Secretary reported the receipt of Warrant and Jewels of Lodge, No. 497, vacated March 6, 1878, for non-payment of dues.

Petition for Warrant for a new Lodge to be held

at Meyersdale, Somerset county, was read, and on motion referred to Grand Officers with power to act.

The following amendments to the By-Laws of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, were presented and confirmed by the Grand Lodge :

Article III, Section 3, of the By-Laws, by striking out the words "On the second Thursday of each month," and inserting in lieu thereof the "first Thursday in January, April, July and October," which was unanimously agreed to. Also to amend Section 5, of same Article by striking out the word "monthly," and inserting the word "quarterly."

The Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock 5 minutes, P. M.

JOHN THOMSON,

*Grand Secretary.*



# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, June 4th, A. D. 1879, A. L. 5879.

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### P R E S E N T :

Bro. MICHAEL NISBET,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" SAMUEL B. DICK,	-	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" CONRAD B. DAY,	-	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,		<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	-	} <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	-	
" ROBERT CLARK,	-	

Ninety-four Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock 20 minutes, P. M.

The Committee on By-Laws offered, *inter alia*, the following :

*Resolved*, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 246, be amended by striking out Section 2, Article I :

"Whenever thereunto requested in writing by ten or more Master Masons, members of the Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master to convene a special meeting."

On motion of Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL

C. PERKINS, so much of the report as relates to the power of any number of members to direct the Worshipful Master to call a special meeting, was referred to the Committee on Landmarks, to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother MICHAEL NISBET called attention to the violation by Lodge No. —, of an agreement made between the Officers of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and the applicants for the Warrant upon which said Warrant was granted.

Brother MATTHEWS moved that it be referred to the Committee on Landmarks. Brother LOUIS WAGNER moved that the subject be referred to a special committee of seven, which was accepted by Brother MATTHEWS, and was adopted.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint on said Committee, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT CLARK, Brothers LOUIS WAGNER, EDWARD MATTHEWS, JACOB F. QUILLMAN, and GUSTAVUS V. REMAK.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock 20 minutes, P. M.

JOHN THOMSON

*Grand Secretary.*



# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, September 3, A.D. 1879, A.L. 5879.

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### P R E S E N T :

BRO. MICHAEL NISBET,	- -	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" CONRAD B. DAY,	-	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden,</i> <i>acting R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,	-	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden,</i> <i>acting R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" R. J. C. WALKER,	-	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden,</i> <i>pro tem.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	- -	} <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
" RICHARD VAUX,	-	
" ROBERT A. LAMBERTON,	-	
" ALFRED R. POTTER,	-	
" ROBERT CLARK,	-	

Seventy-six Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock 20 minutes, P. M.

Missive from Most Worshipful Brother E. A. STEVENSON, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, appointing Brother E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, Representative of said Grand Lodge was read, and on

motion the missive was received, and Brother E. COPPÉE MITCHELL acknowledged as Representative of said Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Landmarks made the following report, which was on motion accepted and unanimously adopted, as the sense of this Grand Lodge:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:*

The Committee on Landmarks respectfully report:

At your Quarterly Communication in June your Committee on By-Laws reported, *inter alia*, in favor of striking from the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 246 the following provision:

“Whenever thereunto requested in writing by ten or more Master Masons, members of the Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master to convene a special meeting.”

Whereupon so much of their report as related to the power of any number of members to direct the Worshipful Master to call a special meeting was referred to your Committee on Landmarks, with instructions to report at this Communication.

The solution of the question so referred depends upon a consideration of the powers inherent in the Worshipful Master and vested in him by virtue of his office. He is not the president or presiding officer of a modern voluntary association, subject to written rules and statutes, enacted and ordained for their government by the members over whom he is called to rule, and for a violation of which he must account to them and be obnoxious to their censure. He is much more. There is no written law which prescribes the fullness of his authority, or defines the limitations within which it is to be exercised. Within the boundaries only of ancient constitution, custom and usage, and written laws



not inconsistent therewith, must our search be made for the rights, powers, privileges and prerogatives which appertain to this high office. Grave is its responsibility, full and great is its authority.

From a manuscript,\* whose age is now more than three centuries, we learn that it was then a part of traditional history, that when Masons were sent forth, they were given a charge in this manner: "The first was that they should be true to their *King* Lord or Master that they served and that they shoulde ordaine the most wise and cunning man to be Master of the King or Lord's worke that was amongst them, and neither for Love Riches nor favour to sett another that had little cunninge to be Master of that worke whereby the Lord should be ill served and the *Science* ill defamed."

In the "Charges of a Freemason, extracted from the Ancient Records of Lodges beyond Sea and of those in England, Scotland and Ireland, for the use of Lodges, to be read at the making of new brethren, or when the Master shall order it," republished by order of the Grand Lodge of England in 1815, and in our Ahiman Rezon, approved by this Grand Lodge in 1825, it is written: "When a fellow Craftsman is chosen Warden of the work under the Master, he shall be true both to Master and fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the Master's absence to the Lord's profit, and his brethren shall obey him."

Here is no uncertain sound as to the relationship between the Master and the members of his Lodge in the direction of its work; rule and oversight on the one part, service and obedience on the other.

As the Brethren in this jurisdiction year by year are charged, "Such is the nature of our Constitution, that as some must of necessity rule and teach, so others must of course learn to submit and obey." Because the Worshipful Master is of "great skill, true and trusty," because "he is

\* Lansdowne MSS., A. D. 1560, Brit. Mus. See Hughan's Old Masonic Charges, p. 32.

well skilled in the noble science and royal art," qualifications acquired by long service, "to him is committed the superintendence and government of the brethren." And to enable him the better fitly to perform the high duties and meet the weighty responsibilities resting upon him, he is invested with powers and prerogatives, exclusive and peculiar privileges, inalienable and indefeasible, to which immemorial tradition and usage bear witness. \* Among these most frequently mentioned and recognized is at his will and pleasure, without let or hindrance, or dictation from or by those he governs, to assemble his Lodge in emergency, to preside therein, *and* at his like will and pleasure to open and close his Lodge. When convened no majority of his members, however great, can require him to adjourn. He, in his lofty station, is presumed to know what work is needful to be done, when it shall be done, and see it is well done, in accordance with the landmarks, customs and usage to which he must render rigid obedience.

As in the Constitution of our Commonwealth the right of enjoying and defending life and liberty is declared, not conferred, so in our written Masonic Constitutions, where it is said as in Anderson's Old Regulations, adopted in General Assembly at Stationer's Hall, on the 24th of June, 1721: "The Master of a PARTICULAR Lodge has the right and authority of congregating the *Members* of his Lodge into a *Chapter* upon any emergency or occurrence; as well as to appoint the Time and Place of their usual Forming;" or as in that of the Grand Lodge of England: "A Lodge of emergency may at any time be called by the authority of a Master, or in his absence, of the Senior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority first given;" or in our own: "He is empowered to call meetings of his own Lodge at pleasure." It is but a declaration and witness to an existing, continuing, exclusive prerogative and not the creation of it.

Nowhere, after diligent examination of the old constitution, can your Committee discover that ever was committed to any number of members the right or power to determine



for themselves the propriety of a convention of their Lodge, and to require of their Worshipful Master obedience to such determination. Nowhere of old can we find the right recognized for members to place themselves in the judgment seat devoted to the use of their Worshipful Master, and to pass with authority upon the fit time or the necessity for such convening. On the contrary, as declared in the Ahi-man Rezon, approved by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania 1783, reaffirmed in 1815: "The Master of a particular Lodge has the right and authority of calling his Lodge or congregating the members into a Chapter at pleasure, upon the application of any of the Brethren, and upon any emergency and occurrence which, in his judgment, may require their meeting."

One who stands in the front rank of Masonic jurists has thus written:\* "The Master has a right to call a special meeting of his Lodge whenever he pleases, and is the sole judge of any emergency which may require such special Communication. He has also the right of closing his Lodge at any hour that he may deem expedient, notwithstanding the whole business of the evening may not have been transacted. This regulation arises from the unwritten law of Masonry. As the Master is responsible to the Grand Lodge for the fidelity of the work done in his Lodge, and as the whole of the labor is therefore performed under his superintendence, it follows that to enable him to discharge this responsibility he must be invested with the power of commencing, of continuing, or of suspending labor at such time as he may, in his wisdom, deem to be most advantageous to the edifice of Masonry."

Again: "The Master has the right to convene his Lodge at any time and is the judge of any emergency that may require a special meeting."†

Germane to these views is the action of this Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in 1874. At a stated meet-

\* Mackey's Principles of Masonic Law, pp. 122, 123.

† Masonic Jurisprudence, p. 344.

ing of Lodge No. 51 it was proposed to amend Article I of their By-Laws by inserting as Section 2: "No special meeting shall be convened, except in an emergency, unless notice thereof and the business to be transacted be given at a stated meeting." The Worshipful Master refused to entertain the motion for the adoption of this amendment, and from this decision an appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge. The appellants conceded that the proposition was unconstitutional (taking the Ahiman Rezon as the Constitution) but contended that this fact did not justify its being pronounced out of order. In their report to the Grand Lodge your Committee on Appeals said: "It is the bounden duty of the Worshipful Master to enforce the laws of the Grand Lodge: to submit to the Lodge a proposition in violation of them and run the risk of its adoption would subject the Worshipful Master to a just criticism."

We have searched in vain through the old Codes of By-Laws of many of our Lodges whose warrants bear date before the abounding modern societies were breathed into existence, to find trace of any power in the membership to override or control the judgment of the Worshipful Master, and to make it mandatory upon him to assemble his Lodge at their pleasure. In the early days of our history this doctrine was unknown. To engraft such a provision in our code as that under consideration and condemned by the Committee on By-Laws is an innovation. It would be to import from societies of recent birth and of utterly different constitution and government a regulation which would be a spoliation of the prerogative of the Worshipful Master, and would be in derogation of the power held and enjoyed by him under immemorial usage. It would give to the untrained and inexperienced, whose duty it is to learn and obey, authority over him who by landmarks is the "head of the Lodge," and, at their behest, oblige him to covenene his Lodge, when in his judgment it might be most inopportune and inadvisable.

Because the conclusion reached by your Committee is



variant from not fully considered action hitherto had by this Grand Lodge, it has been deemed expedient to present these views more at large than otherwise would have seemed necessary. Your Committee have sought to stand "in the ways and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein," and are of one mind that it would be in contravention of custom and usage to authorize any number of Master Masons to direct their Worshipful Master when to assemble his Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN THOMSON,  
R. A. LAMBERTON,  
ALFRED R. POTTER,  
MICHAEL NISBET,  
*Grand Master.*

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, and, on motion, the resolutions were adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.*

The Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Brother ———, from the action of ——— Lodge, No. —, in suspending him for non-payment of dues, respectfully report:

That this R. W. Grand Lodge has so frequently decided the question raised by this appeal, that it seems only necessary to refer the Lodge and the appellant to its previous decisions on the cause of this appeal. Lest, however, the Lodge might regard it as a discourtesy, and the appellant feel that, possibly, by such a course, his case was not fully considered by your Committee, it may be best to remark:

That a member of a subordinate Lodge cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues unless the Lodge gives him notice by a summons under its seal of the stated meeting at

which action will be taken on his delinquency. This notice must state the amount of dues unpaid, and that at the meeting to be held, as stated in the notice, the Lodge will act on the case. The notice must be under the seal of the Lodge and directed to the member at the place he has given to the Secretary as his residence or place where he can be found.

These requirements were not fully complied with by Lodge No. —, and the suspension of Brother ———— was therefore contrary to the rules and regulations of Freemasonry, as decided frequently by this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the suspension of Brother ———— by Lodge No. —, is void.

*Resolved*, That Lodge No. — be directed to restore Brother ———— to membership, on his paying the dues charged against him.

*Resolved*, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD VAUX,

*Chairman of Committee on Appeals.*

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 29, 1879.

The Special Committee of Seven appointed to inquire into an alleged violation by Lodge No. —, of an agreement made between the officers of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge and the applicants for the Warrant upon which said Warrant was granted, made the following report, which was, on motion, accepted and the Resolutions adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, September 1st, 1879.

*To the Right Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.*

*Brethren:*—The Special Committee appointed at your Quarterly Communication held on June 4th, 1879, to inquire



into an alleged "violation by Lodge No. —, of an agreement made between the officers of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge and the applicants for the warrant upon which said warrant was granted" (*vide* the notice of the Grand Secretary announcing the appointment of the Committee), respectfully report.

That two meetings of the Committee were held, at which were present :

The R. W. Grand Master,

The R. W. Grand Secretary,

Bro. ———, formerly a member of ——— Lodge, No. —, and

Brother ———, W. M.

" ———, Secretary.

" ———, Treasurer.

" ———, P. M.

" ———, "

" ———, "

" ———, "

representing ——— Lodge, No. —, and all the members of your Committee.

Brothers ———, ———, ———, ———, ———, ———, ——— and ———, were examined as witnesses and from their testimony and an examination of the books of the Treasurer and the Minute book of ——— Lodge, No. —, and from the records of this Grand Lodge, we find the following as the facts of the case: that at the Quarterly Communication held on December 3, 1873, a petition for a warrant of a new Lodge, signed by 39 applicants, was referred to the Grand Lodge Officers with power to act; that this petition was considered at a meeting of said officers held on December 31, 1873, at which meeting all the Grand Lodge Officers were present, and a warrant to constitute ——— Lodge, No. —, was granted, upon condition that no charter members should be made life members of the Lodge for a less sum than \$50.

The Lodge was organized and upon the minutes of its

first meeting, held on January 28, 1874, among the receipts of the evening is recorded from 39 charter members \$50 each, \$1950. At the meeting held on February 25, 1874, it was unanimously resolved, that charter members, having complied with the requirements of the Grand Lodge by paying \$50, be declared life members, and immediately following this is a resolution, also unanimously passed, reading as follows: "finding we have a surplus of funds in our Treasury, the sum of \$25 be donated to every charter member."

The Secretary Bro. ———, testified that no orders were drawn for the money so donated: that in fact the payment made at the January meeting was \$25 in cash, and \$25 in due bill, which latter was subsequently returned to the party making it. "The understanding at the time being that they should pay but \$25." Several of those receiving this *donation*, repaid the amount in full when the Lodge needed funds.

For the sake of Masonic honor and integrity your Committee have earnestly sought to find, in the evidence adduced by the representatives of Lodge No. —, some sufficient justification for what appears upon its face as a most flagrant violation of good faith on the part of those active in the organization of said Lodge, and regret their inability to do so.

Statements about some understanding with the Grand Lodge Officers, by which this action was permitted, made on this floor as well as before your Committee, were found to be without authority when traced to their source. Brothers ———, ———, ———, and ———, all testified that they had heard of such an understanding and referred us to Brothers ——— and ——— for additional information; Brother ——— adding, "Brother ——— was the prime mover in this new Lodge, he and Brother ——— could give you the whole information."

Brothers ——— and ——— both testified that they had interviews upon this matter with several Grand Lodge Officers, but that nothing was said at variance with the



official action had at their meeting of December 31, 1873. With full knowledge of their failure to secure a modification of the conditions for life membership, and in violation of the duties and obligations they owed this Grand Lodge as officers of the new Lodge, and thereby members of this Grand Lodge, and as members of the Committee which secured the granting of its Warrant, these Brethren voted for, and permitted the passage of a resolution having for its object the nullification of a most salutary regulation of this Grand Lodge as made by its Board of Officers; and the only excuse they could offer was the fact that many of the applicants for the warrant had resigned membership in other Lodges upon the understanding that life membership in the new Lodge should cost but \$25, and that the regulation to make it \$50 was in the nature of an *ex post facto* law!

Your Committee are unanimously of the conclusion that the action of ———— Lodge, No. —, as embodied in their resolution passed on February 25th, 1874, as hereinbefore quoted, donating \$25 to each charter member, was a clear violation of one of the conditions upon which said Lodge was granted its warrant; that Brothers Past Masters ———— and ————, from their prominent and active connection with the organization of this Lodge and their consequent full knowledge of the conditions upon which such warrant was granted, are specially censurable for aiding in and permitting without protest, the adoption of the resolution referred to, and that all the charter members of said Lodge, who have not yet refunded the money donated to them, are indebted to the Lodge for the sum needed to make good the life membership fee of \$50.

We append hereto the following resolutions and ask their adoption.

By direction of the Committee,

LOUIS WAGNER, *Secretary*.

*Resolved*, That ———— Lodge, No. —, having accepted its Warrant of Constitution from this Grand Lodge upon con-

dition, *inter alia*, that no charter member should be made a life member for a less sum than \$50 ; and having at its second meeting and under the statement of a surplus of funds in its treasury, attempted to evade this condition by donating \$25 to each of its charter members, who had been made life members upon payment of \$50 each, is guilty of conduct unbecoming a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and that it deserves, and hereby receives, the condemnation and censure of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That Brother ———, formerly a member of ——— Lodge, No. —, and Brother ———, of said Lodge having been specially active in the organization of said ——— Lodge, No. —, and in securing its Warrant of Constitution from this Grand Lodge upon condition, *inter alia*, that no charter member should be made a life member for a less sum than \$50, and having subsequently, to wit: at a meeting of said Lodge held on February 25th, 1874, voted for, and permitted the adoption of, a resolution donating the sum of \$25 to each charter member made a life member on payment of \$50, under the statement of a surplus of funds in the treasury of the Lodge, they being at that time officers of the Lodge, and members of this Grand Lodge, are guilty of conduct derogatory to their high position in the Fraternity, and that they deserve, and hereby receive, the censure of the Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That all the charter members of ———, No. —, who were constituted life members of said Lodge, upon the payment of \$50 each, and who subsequently accepted a donation of \$25 each, voted them by said Lodge on February 25th, 1874, be and they are hereby required to refund, on or before St. John's Day next, the \$25, so voted to and accepted by them ; that the Secretary of said Lodge shall forthwith debit upon his books the amount due by each of such members ; that such debit shall be in the nature of dues unpaid, and for non-payment of the same, the offending member shall be suspended from membership, as



for "non-payment of dues," and that said Lodge shall report in writing, at the Quarterly Communication in March next, its compliance with this resolution, stating the number of those refunding the sum donated them, and the number of those suspended for its non-payment.

*Resolved*, That the Special Committee appointed to consider and report, at this Quarterly Communication, the complaint preferred against \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. —, having performed the duties committed to them, be and it is hereby discharged.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Bro. RICHARD VAUX read the following memorial and accompanying resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Since the last Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge our Holy and Divine Grand Master summoned from His Lodge on earth to the sublime mysteries of initiation into eternal life our Brother JAMES MADISON PORTER, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. So it came to pass that the younger of the Past Grand Masters left his Brethren here to mourn his early death, and the Craft of this Masonic jurisdiction to deplore the loss of an earnest, sincere and devoted Mason, who by their free-will and accord had received the highest Masonic honors.

A landmark of the Craft enjoins on the Brethren to honor while living, him who holds the gavel of the chair of Solomon, and it also enjoins that a well-spent life, a character which has stood the test of the plumb, level and the square, an official relation with the Fraternity in its highest station of honor and trust which has merited the confidence and esteem, should not pass away with its possessor without due commendation.

In earnest devotion to the teachings of this landmark, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania hereby records its sincere sorrow at the early death of the Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES MADISON PORTER; its high esteem for those Masonic virtues which

so endeared Brother PORTER to the Craft; its gratification that being so well appreciated by the Brethren of this Grand Lodge they elevated him to the station of Right Worshipful Grand Master; and its deep sorrow that the Masonic ties which bound him to the Craft have been severed by his death.

During the first term of Right Worshipful Grand Master PORTER's administration it became plainly apparent that his health was so impaired that unless a positive and prompt convalescence was possible he could not accept the custom of the Craft, and serve a second term. The fears of the Brethren were realized, and at the end of his first year of service as Right Worshipful Grand Master he declined a second election.

Within a year he died at his home in Easton, in this State, and on the 5th day of August last he was laid down with that company who are to rest in the tomb till by the touch of the right hand of the angel of God, the type of which we see symbolized in our mysteries, they shall be raised, we trust, to fellowship of the fraternity of the just made perfect.

Past Grand Master Brother PORTER was born in Easton, Pa., on March 6, 1833. He received a very liberal education, graduating at Lafayette College in 1852. He studied law with his father and was admitted to the Bar on June 21, 1855, and was elected District Attorney of Northampton county on November 6, 1868, serving three years, after which he went to Heidelberg, Germany, to complete his legal studies.

His father was an active Mason for many years, serving several terms as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 152, and was District Deputy Grand Master from 1853 to 1862, the time of his death.

His son James was as earnest and enthusiastic as his father, and was by the latter initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry when he was 26 years old, in Lodge No. 152, on April 28, 1859; Crafted and Raised May 26, 1859—was



Worshipful Master in 1863. He was Marked on June 27, 1859, and Exalted August 23, 1859, in Easton Chapter, No. 173, and served as High Priest during the year 1865. The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania elected him Junior Grand Warden in 1872-73; Senior Grand Warden, 1874-75; Deputy Grand Master, 1876-77; and Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in 1878.

And so his work was done, his labors ended among his Brethren in Freemasonry. Therefore

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge cause the foregoing to be made a record in the minutes of this Communication, and a copy signed by the Grand Officers be transmitted to the family of our deceased Brother Past Grand Master PORTER, and that the Jewels of the Grand Lodge be put in mourning till the next Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report :

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The Grand Secretary respectfully presents the following Annual Report of the Lodges and Membership of this Jurisdiction for the Masonic year ending December 27th, 1878:

The number of Lodges December 27th, 1877, were -	378
Constituted in 1878, - - - - -	1
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	379
Warrant Lodge 356 vacated,	
“ “ 497 “ - - - - -	2
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Total, - - - - -	377

The members at last report were	- - - - -	36,948
Deduct Lodge No. 348, suspended for want of		
Returns, - - - - -	- - - - -	23
Deduct Lodge No. 407, suspended for want of		
Returns, - - - - -	- - - - -	38
		— 61
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		36,887
Alterations since last Report in various Returns, -		27
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		36,914
Admitted in 1878, - - - - -	- - - - -	352
Initiated in 1878, - - - - -	- - - - -	947
		— 1,299
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		38,213
Resigned, - - - - -	- - - - -	398
Suspended and expelled, - - - - -	- - - - -	1486
Died, - - - - -	- - - - -	450
		— 2,334
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Leaving the number of Members, Dec. 27, 1878,		35,879

JOHN THOMSON,

*Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, September 3, 1879.



## LIST OF LODGES.

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR 1878.

NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	TIME OF MEETING.	MEMBERS. DECEMBER, 1877	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.	TOTAL.
2	Philadelphia.....	Third Monday.....	219		4		4	1	218
3	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday. ....	208		3		5	6	200
9	Philadelphia.....	First Friday.....	194		4	2	6	5	185
19	Philadelphia.....	First Thursday.....	258		7		2	6	257
21	Harrisburg.....	Second Monday.....	169	10	3	3	14	1	164
22	Sunbury.....	Evening of or after F. M..	112	1	3	2	2		112
25	Bristol.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M..	144		4	1	1	2	144
43	Lancaster .....	Second Wednesday.....	281	2	7	8	10	1	271
45	Pittsburgh.....	Last Thursday.....	188	2	1	3	2		186
51	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Thursday.....	217		1	2		2	214
52	Philadelphia.....	First Monday.....	167		3		4		166
59	Philadelphia.....	Second Tuesday.....	377	7	11	2		4	389
60	Brownsville.....	First Monday.....	56	2			15	2	41
61	Wilkes Barre.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	156	3		2			157
62	Reading.....	First Monday.....	322		3		1	9	315
67	Philadelphia.....	Second Friday.....	199	1	2	2	1	12	187
70	Athens.....	Tues. on or bef. F. M. & 2d Tuesday following..	87	1	1	2	3		84
71	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	216		2		6	4	208
72	Philadelphia.....	Third Thursday.....	261	1	13		2	5	268
75	Phoenixville.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M..	165	2	1	4	6	2	156
81	Philadelphia.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M..	87	1	1		3	1	85
91	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Monday.....	187	1		1		1	186
106	Williamsport.....	First Monday.....	163	5	1	2	19	2	146
108	Towanda.....	First and Third Wed....	199	2	3	1	9		194
114	Philadelphia.....	Third Friday.....	216	2	12	1	3	5	221
115	Philadelphia.....	Second Monday.....	239	2	11	2	5	3	242
121	Philadelphia.....	Second Thursday .....	243	1		1	16	2	225
125	Philadelphia.....	Second Wednesday.....	244		10		2	9	243
126	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Monday.....	190		3	2	3	1	187
130	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	310	2		3	1	6	302
131	Philadelphia.....	Second Monday.....	115		1	2	2	3	109
134	Philadelphia.....	Last week day night.....	176	3	5	1	3	4	176
135	Philadelphia.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	168	3	4	1		4	170
138	Orwigsburg.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	53	1					54
143	Chambersburg.....	Friday on or bef. F. M....	86	3	1			1	89
144	Lewisburg.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	73	3	1		6	1	70
152	Easton.....	First Thursday aft. F. M..	242	5	3	2	15	7	226
153	Waynesburg.....	Monday before F. M....	59	1	1		6		55
155	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	362	1	7	2	9	11	348
156	Drumore Centre...	Saturday on or bef. F. M..	109				9	1	99
158	Philadelphia.....	First Tuesday.....	438	1	3		12	5	425
163	Monroeton.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	39	1			6	1	33

NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	TIME OF MEETING.	MEMBERS, DECEMBER, 1877	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.	TOTAL.
164	Washington .....	First and Third Monday..	56	1	3		4		56
186	Philadelphia.....	Second Wednesday.....	363	1	5	3	13	3	350
187	Philadelphia.....	Second Thursday.....	235	1	3	1	9	2	227
190	Norristown.....	Thurs. on or bef. F. M...	212		5	3		2	212
194	Selin's Grove.....	Two evenings bef. F. M..	102				6	1	95
197	Carlisle .....	Second Tuesday.....	64		1		9		56
199	Lock Haven.....	Thurs. on or bef. F. M...	200		3	3	47		153
203	Lewistown.....	Second Tuesday.....	103		2	2			103
211	Philadelphia.....	First Friday.....	354	3	1		16	12	330
216	Pottsville.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	232	1	3	1	13	5	217
218	Honesdale.....	Thurs. on or bef. F. M...	127	1	1	1		1	127
219	Pittsburgh.....	Second Thursday.....	288	2	7	4	5	3	285
220	Hollidaysburg.....	First Tuesday .....	64		1	1		1	63
221	Pittsburgh.....	First and Third Thurs...	214	1	5	3	7	4	206
222	Minersville.....	Tuesday before F. M....	74	1	4	2		1	76
223	Allegheny City....	Second Monday.....	143	3	8	2	10	1	141
224	Danville.....	First Tuesday.....	80	1	1			1	81
225	Greensburg.....	Second Monday.....	142	1		1	10	1	131
226	Lebanon.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	150	1	2			3	150
227	Reading.....	First Tuesday .....	375		2		9	5	363
228	Uniontown.....	Second Monday.....	93			3	2	1	87
229	Rochester .....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	88	2	3	1	2		90
230	Philadelphia.....	Second Wednesday.....	249	1	1		3	5	243
231	Pittsburgh.....	Third Friday.....	100	2			3	2	97
232	Jersey Shore.....	Friday before F. M....	52		3		4	1	50
233	Pittston .....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	158				2		156
234	Meadville .....	First Thursday.....	136		2	1	7	2	128
236	Chester .....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	190	3	4		15	3	179
237	Beallsville.....	Wednesday before F. M..	51		1	1	3		48
238	Tamaqua.....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	130	1	2	1	17		115
239	Freeport .....	Fourth Monday.....	32		1	2	5		26
240	Montrose.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M. & 2 weeks afterwards....	164		1	1		3	161
241	Warren .....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	109			10			99
242	Mauch Chunk.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	120	1	1	2			120
243	New Castle.....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	101	1	3		8		97
244	Kittanning.....	First Tuesday.....	99			2		1	96
245	Doylestown.....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	172		7		1	3	175
246	Philadelphia.....	Third Monday.....	358	2	6	2	10	4	350
247	Mansfield.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	16						16
248	Tunkhannock.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	115		2		2	1	114
249	Carbondale.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	156	1		6	10	2	139
250	Sharon.....	First and Third Friday...	140	1	5			1	145
252	Fayette City.....	Monday before F. M....	48		2	3	2		45
253	Pittsburgh.....	Last Tuesday.....	144		1	2	1		142
254	Pottstown .....	Second Wednesday.....	154	1	1	2		1	153
255	Shamokin .....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	66	2	3	3			68
256	Milton.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	70		3	5	2	1	65
258	Conneautville.....	First and Third Monday..	86	4	1	3			88



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259	New Brighton.....	First and Third Tuesday..	49	1		1	4		45
260	Carlisle .....	Third Thursday.....	89		1		16		74
261	Providence.....	Fourth Thursday.....	94	1	1		10		86
262	Orrstown .....	First Thursday .....	34			2			32
263	Laceyville.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	65	1					66
264	Columbus .....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	72						72
265	Bloomsburg.....	Monday on or aft. F. M..	121			1	9	1	110
266	York .....	1st Tues. aft. 1st Mon....	122			2	6	1	113
267	Tremont.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	91	1	3	1	8	3	83
268	Bellefonte.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	121		3	3		4	117
269	Birmingham.....	First and Third Friday...	144		2		2		144
270	Schuylkill Haven..	Friday on or bef. F. M...	63	1	3	1	4	3	59
271	Philadelphia.....	First Monday.....	216	1	2		16	2	201
272	Butler.....	First Wednesday.....	55	2	10	3		1	63
273	Ardmore.....	Thurs. on or bef. F. M...	133		9	1	5	2	134
274	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	202		6		5	6	197
275	Latrobe.....	First Monday.....	53	1	1	3			52
276	Brookville.....	Second Monday .....	119		1	2		2	116
277	Clarion .....	First Monday.....	99	3	5		1	1	105
278	Johnstown.....	Second Tuesday.....	80	1	6	1			86
281	Altoona.....	Third Tuesday.....	107	2	2			1	110
282	Hollidaysburg.....	Monday on or aft. F. M..	69		2	2	7		62
283	Bethlehem.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	128			2	12	1	113
284	Catasauqua.....	First Friday after F. M...	98	2	1	1	4	2	94
285	St. Clair.....	Tuesday before F. M....	85		2			1	86
286	Columbia.....	First Thursday.....	141		5	5	7	2	132
287	Pittsburgh.....	Third Tuesday.....	258	2	5	2	1		262
288	Allegheny City....	First Wednesday.....	81			1	4	1	75
289	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Friday.....	142	1	8	3		2	146
290	Greenville.....	First and Third Monday..	105	6	3	1		1	112
291	Scranton.....	Third Friday.....	153				5	4	144
292	Philadelphia.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	286		5	2	15	6	268
294	Ashland.....	Second Thursday.....	132		4		20	2	114
295	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	236	2	11		9	5	235
296	Philadelphia.....	Second Thursday.....	198		6		12	7	185
297	Canonsburg.....	Second and Fourth Mon..	37	1	1	1	1		37
298	Media.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	90	1	3	1		2	91
299	Muncy Borough...	Thurs. on or bef. F. M...	58		1		5	1	53
300	Huntingdon .....	Second Monday.....	126		2			2	126
301	Waverly.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	47	1		2	4	1	41
302	Mechanicsburg....	First Monday.....	124	1				2	123
303	Titusville.....	Second and Fourth Tues..	213	8	2	5	5	1	212
304	Albion .....	First and Third Tues....	59	3	2	1	3		60
305	Hawley.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	66	1	2			3	66
306	Troy.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M..	125	1	4			1	129
307	Womelsdorf.....	First Thursday.....	88		1	2	2		85
308	Fort Washington..	Saturday on or bef. F. M..	82		3		3	2	80
309	Downingtown.....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	80		3	1	16	4	62
310	Trappe.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	67		2		2	1	66

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311	Mount Bethel.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	65		1		8		58
312	Ebensburg.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	39						39
313	Indiana.....	Second Tuesday.....	60			2	3		55
314	Clearfield.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	94			4			90
315	Shippensburg.....	Second Friday.....	44			1		2	41
316	Franklin.....	First and Third Monday..	112	4	4	4		2	114
317	Wellsboro'.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	70		3	5	10	1	57
318	Allegheny City.....	First Tuesday.....	164	2	8	2	8		164
319	New Bloomfield...	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	59	2	1	1	7		54
320	Bedford.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	75			1	6	1	67
321	East Liberty.....	Third Tuesday.....	95		3		14	2	82
322	West Chester.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	103		1		10	1	93
323	Scranton.....	First Tuesday.....	137	3		5	7		128
324	Mifflintown.....	Second Thursday.....	44		1	1	6		38
325	Stroudsburg.....	Monday on bef. F. M....	116	1	2		4		115
326	Trexlerstown.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	117			3	42		72
327	Hazleton.....	Monday on or bef. F. M.	129	1	3		15	1	117
328	Jackson.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	49	1			2	1	47
329	Greensboro'.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	32					1	31
330	Hamlington.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	76		2			1	77
331	Ligonier.....	Friday before F. M.....	45			2	15		28
332	Plymouth.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	56			2			54
333	Allentown.....	Friday on or bef. F. M. .	150	2	1	4			149
334	Bradford.....	2d and 4th Thursday....	56	4	7			2	65
335	Montoursville.....	Wednesday bef. F. M....	50	1			6		45
336	Gettysburg.....	Sec. Thurs. of each month ending Sept. and Sec. and Fourth Wed. of all other months.....	68		2			1	69
337	Monongahela City..	First Tuesday aft. F. M..	108	3	3	3	17		94
338	Great Bend.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M. and 2 weeks after.....	68	2	1	3	1	2	65
339	Hyde Park.....	First Monday.....	158		1		12		147
340	Green Tree.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	114	2	4	1	6		113
341	Factoryville.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	55	4					59
342	Coudersport.....	Sec. & Fourth Wednesday.	59	3		2	2		58
343	Cochransville.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	121	1			2	2	118
344	Milford.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	59						59
345	Scranton.....	Second Monday.....	95	1	2		4	1	93
346	Connellsville.....	Third Monday.....	77	2	3				82
347	Girard.....	First Wednesday.....	63	2		1	1		63
348	Hanover.....	Second Tuesday.....							
349	Catawissa.....	Tuesday bef. F. M.....	94				13	1	80
350	Blossburg.....	Thurs. on or bef. F. M...	70			2	9		59
351	Knoxville.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	17	3	4	2	4	1	17
352	Chester.....	First Thursday aft. F. M..	89		3		4		88
353	Oxford.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	74	2		1			75
354	Shickshinny.....	Monday on or bef. F. M. .	59				6		53
355	Blairsville.....	Second Thursday.....	44				4	1	39



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357	Mahanoy City.....	Thurs. on or bef. F. M....	91		1		5	2	85
358	Somerset.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	112	1	4	4		1	112
359	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday.....	107	1	2	1		2	107
360	Susquehanna Depot	First Friday.....	109	2		2		2	107
361	Newville.....	Sec. & Fourth Thursday..	47	1	1	1	1	1	46
362	Erie.....	First Friday.....	95	3	1	2	1	1	95
363	Oil City.....	First and Third Friday...	133	5	2		19		121
364	Millersburg.....	Second Tuesday.....	70		1		13	1	57
365	Corry.....	First Tuesday.....	114	2	1	2	10	1	104
366	Union City.....	First and Third Friday...	59	2	2				63
367	Reading.....	Third Thursday.....	74				5	1	68
368	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday.....	114	3	3		4	1	115
369	Philadelphia.....	Third Thursday.....	197		4	2	8	1	190
370	Mifflinburg.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M.	42				3	1	38
371	Thompsontown....	Monday on or bef. F. M.	41		5		3		43
372	Spartansburg.....	First Monday.....	40	1	1				42
373	Tioga.....	Third Thursday.....	39	5	1		2		43
374	Allegheny City....	First Thursday.....	105	2	2	2	8		99
375	McKeesport.....	Monday on or bef. F. M.	92		2	1		1	92
376	McVeytown.....	Third Friday.....	37				8		29
377	Kutztown.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	99		1	1	3	2	94
378	Mount Carmel....	Thursday before F. M....	42				6		36
379	Ridgway.....	Sec. and Fourth Tuesday.	138		2	3	3	1	133
380	Philadelphia.....	First Tuesday.....	90		2	1	4	2	85
381	Newport.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M.	44				3	1	40
382	Emporium.....	Sec. & Fourth Wednesday.	87		2	3	27	1	58
383	Coatesville.....	Tuesday on or aft. F. M..	61	7	6	2	9	1	62
384	Philadelphia.....	Second Monday.....	86		3			2	87
385	Philadelphia.....	First Thursday.....	164		3	1			166
386	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	261		5	3	15	5	243
387	Dushore.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	55			1	7		47
388	Smethport.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	52		1	1		3	49
389	West Middlesex...	Third Monday.....	23	4		1			26
390	Pittsburgh.....	Second Thursday.....	105	1	3	2	4	4	99
391	Philipsburg.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	75	1	1	1	6		70
392	Erie.....	Second Tuesday.....	98	1	5	3	3	1	97
393	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	215	3	6		14	6	204
395	Kingston....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	77	2	4	1		1	81
396	Easton.....	First Tuesday aft. F. M..	102		2		12	1	91
397	Williamsport.....	First Tuesday.....	70		3	4	5	2	62
398	Marietta.....	Monday on or bef. F. M.	60	1	2			1	62
399	North East.....	First & Third Wednesday.	80			2	2		76
400	Jenkintown.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M.	89		1		2		88
401	Watson town.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	86	1	2	2	5		82
402	Philadelphia.....	First Friday.....	166		5	1		1	169
403	Clarksville.....	Monday after F. M.....	31			3	9		19
404	Northumberland...	Monday on or bef. F. M.	47		3	3	14		33
405	Waynesburg.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	41		1		3		39
406	Hamburg.....	Second Tuesday.....	55		1				56

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407	Jacksonville .....	Thursday before F. M....							
408	Meadville .....	First Monday.....	41	3	2			3	43
409	Pine Grove.....	First Monday.....	53				3		50
410	Hatboro'.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	68						68
411	Darlington.....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	43						43
412	Tidioute. ....	Second Tuesday.....	77		1	2	8		68
413	Bath .....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	81	1	2		19	1	64
414	Elysburg.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	39				3		36
415	Canton .....	First and Third Tuesday.	69	2	3		3	1	70
416	Edinboro' .....	Sec. and Fourth Tuesday.	73		1	2		2	70
417	Christiana .....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	53		1		4		50
418	Rome .....	Sec. and Fourth Saturday.	50		1	2			49
419	Philadelphia.....	Second Tuesday.....	246	5	13	1	6	3	254
420	Conshohocken ....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M.	75		3		6	4	68
421	Osceola. ....	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	9		2		1		10
423	Shrewsbury.....	Second Thursday.....	41		1		8		34
424	Jamestown.....	First and Third Friday...	56	1	1				58
425	Waterford.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	59	1	1			1	60
426	Cressona.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	48	1					49
427	Newtown, Bucks co.	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	64		1		3		62
428	Smithfield.....	Friday on or before F. M. and 2 weeks afterwards.	54		1	1		1	53
429	Harmony.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	39			2	7	1	29
430	Allegheny City....	Fourth Thursday.....	123		5	3	1	3	121
431	Saltsburg .....	First Tuesday .....	30				1		29
432	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Thursday.....	99	6	7		1		111
433	New Castle.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M.	107	1	3	4	8		99
434	Sandy Lake.....	Sec. and Fourth Tuesday,	48	2	2	1			51
435	Reading. ....	First Friday .....	143	1				2	142
436	Philadelphia.....	Sec. Tuesday—2 P. M....	138	1	2	2	8	1	130
437	Apollo .....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M.	45		3	2	4	2	40
438	Nicholson.....	First Wednesday.....	40			2		1	37
439	Clifford .....	Monday before F. M....	36	1		1			36
440	Slatington.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	34						34
441	Philadelphia.....	Third Friday. ....	219	1	2		6	5	211
442	Wilkes Barre.....	Wed. on or aft. F. M....	84		5	2	2		85
443	Green Castle.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	39		2	2	3	1	35
444	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday.....	91	1	1	5	7	1	80
445	Harford.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	24				1		23
446	Upper Uwchlan...	Monday before F. M....	34		1			1	34
447	Claysville .....	First and Third Tuesday.	28			1	4		23
448	Sharpsburg.....	Second Thursday.....	73	1	4	1	1	1	75
449	Philadelphia.....	Second Thursday.....	116	1	3	1	7		112
450	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	144			1	8		135
451	York .....	First Monday.....	40	1		1	8		32
453	Philadelphia.....	Second Thursday.....	107	1				2	106
454	Burgettstown.....	Sec. and Fourth Friday..	57		1	2	4	1	51
455	Erie .....	Third Friday.....	39	10	4	1			52
456	Philadelphia.....	Second Tuesday.....	144	1	3	1	4	1	142



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457	Beaver. ....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	63		1		5		59
458	Marysville. ....	Fourth Tuesday.....	42		2				44
459	Masontown. ....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	27	2		1			28
460	Orangeville.....	Tuesday on or aft. F. M.	33						33
461	Greenfield.....	Third Monday.....	34						34
462	Berwick. ....	Friday on or after F. M. .	69		1	2	6		62
463	Titusville.....	First and Third Monday..	95	4	4	1			102
464	Harrisburg.....	Third Thursday.....	104	1	2	2		2	103
465	York Springs.....	Third Monday.....	29			1			28
466	Olyphant.....	Friday on or before F. M.	51		1	3	3		46
467	White Haven.....	Sec. and Fourth Monday.	61			2			59
468	Wyoming .....	Friday on or before F. M.	27						27
469	Coopersburg.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M.	36						36
470	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Thursday.....	67		7		2	1	71
471	LeRaysville.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	44				1		43
472	Pleasant Mount,...	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	24				1		23
473	Cambridge.....	Sec. and Fourth Friday..	79		6	2	3	1	79
474	Ashley .....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M.	68	5		1	9	1	62
475	Kennett Square....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	80		4				84
476	Lancaster.....	First Monday.....	71		2		1	2	70
477	Westfield.....	Saturday on or aft. F. M.	35	1	14	1	7	1	41
478	Beaver Falls.....	Sec. and Fourth Monday.	45		2	1			46
479	Morgantown.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	29		1	1			29
480	New Washington..	Tuesday on or bef. F. M.	54		1				55
481	Philadelphia.....	First Thursday.....	221	1	15	1		3	233
482	Philadelphia.....	First Tuesday.....	134		5		15	1	123
483	Rouseville.....	First & Third Wednesday.	85		2	1			86
484	Pittsburgh.....	Second Monday .....	133	4	8		10	1	134
485	Smith's Ferry.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	29		4				33
486	Middletown .....	Monday on or bef. F. M.	49		1	1			49
487	Philadelphia . ...	Third Monday.....	97		7		4	3	97
488	Independence. ....	Thursday on or bef. F. M. and 2 weeks afterwards.	17	1	1	1			18
489	Allegheny City....	Second Wednesday.....	56		1	1	2	1	53
490	Altoona.....	First Tuesday.....	62		3		2		63
491	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	103	4	3		1	3	106
492	Milroy.....	Third Thursday.....	29			2	4		23
493	Philadelphia.....	Second Monday .....	173	2	9	5	6	2	171
494	Tyrone.....	Third Monday.....	48	1	1		3		47
495	Renovo.....	First Tuesday .....	53		1	2	6		46
496	Safe Harbor.....	Friday on or before F. M.	47		1		1	2	45
498	Linesville .....	Third Tuesday.....	48		1	4	1	3	41
499	West Pittston.....	Wed. on or before F. M.	56		2	1		1	56
500	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	159	2	2		4	4	155
501	Pleasantville.....	First and Third Monday.	59		2	2		1	58
502	Tarentum .....	Second Monday.....	17		5	1			21
503	Wrightsville .....	Third Monday.....	23				2		21
504	Moscow.....	Friday on or before F. M.	39		1		2		38
505	Port Allegheny....	First Tuesday .....	36		2	2			36

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506	Philadelphia.....	Second Thursday.....	63	2	4				69
507	New Milford.....	Second Wednesday.....	30		5				35
508	Pittsburgh.....	First Friday.....	82		9			I	90
509	Pittsburgh.....	Second Friday.....	63			I		I	61
510	Braddock's Field..	Third Tuesday.....	41	2	8				51
511	Shenandoah.....	Wednesday before F. M..	66		3	I			68
512	Quakertown.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	65				5		60
513	Temperanceville ..	First Tuesday.....	46		4		I		49
514	New Freeport.....	Friday before F. M.....	35				2	I	32
515	Osceola Mills.....	Second Monday.....	29		3			I	31
516	Danville.....	Second Tuesday.....	39	I	I	I			40
517	Sharpsville.....	First and Third Monday.	32		2	I		I	32
518	Greensburg.....	Third Tuesday.....	48		2		6		44
519	Philadelphia.....	Third Thursday.....	84	I	8		4		89
520	St. Petersburg.....	First Thursday.....	71	3	8		I		81
521	Parker City.....	First Monday.....	61	5	8	I			73
522	New Bethlehem...	First Wednesday.....	28						28
523	Jermyn.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M.	30	I		I	I		29
524	Everett Borough...	Friday on or before F. M.	29		2	I			30
525	Allegheny City. ...	Third Monday.....	77		8	I	10	I	73
526	Elizabeth.....	Wednesday before F. M.	41		I				42
527	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	114		2	2	4		110
528	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	82		I	2		5	76
529	Philadelphia.....	First Thursday.....	130		I	I	7	2	121
530	Bellevue.....	Third Monday.....	29		3	I			31
531	Dallas.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	19		4	I			22
532	Driftwood.....	Friday on or before F. M.	40	I	4				45
533	Wattsburg.....	First and Third Saturday.	30		6	I			35
534	Punxsutawney.....	First Tuesday.....	36		I				37
535	Pittsburgh.....	Third Monday.....	39		2				41
536	Reynoldsville.....	Fourth Thursday.....	27		3		I		29
537	Centre Hall.....	Monday on or bef. F. M.	25		5		I		29
538	Johnstown.....	Fourth Monday.....	39		6				45
539	Woodbury.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	15			I			14
540	Petrolia.....	Wed. on or before F. M.	78	I	6	2	I		82
541	Nanticoke... ..	Thursday on or aft. F. M.	30		4		2		32
542	Waymart.....	Tuesday before F. M...	23		I				24
543	Fernwood.....	Friday on or before F. M.	73		16			I	88
544	Mansfield.....	Monday on or bef. F. M. and 2 weeks afterward.	29	I	4		2		32
545	New London. ....	Monday on or bef. F. M.	21		2				23
546	Pittsburgh.....	First Thursday.....	38	2	5	I	I		43
547	Sugar Grove.....	Friday on or before F. M.	19	5	4				28
548	Verona.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M.	16		5	I		I	19
549	Reading.....	Fourth Thursday.....	22		3				25
550	Edenburg.....	First and Third Tuesday.	40	4	12				56
551	Mount Joy.....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	22	I	7				30
552	Emlenton.....	Sec. and Fourth Monday.	16	I	7				24
553	Spring City.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	34		10				44



## RECAPITULATION.

Members, December, 1877.....	36,914	Resigned .....	398
Admitted .....	352	Suspended or Expelled.....	1,486
Initiated.....	947	Died .....	450
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	38,213		2,334
	2,334		
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	35,879		

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock 10 minutes. P. M.

JOHN THOMSON,

*Grand Secretary.*

# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, Dec. 3d, A. D. 1879, A. L. 5879.

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### PRESENT:

Bro. MICHAEL NISBET,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ SAMUEL B. DICK,	- -	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ CONRAD B. DAY,	-	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,	-	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ THOMAS R. PATTON,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN THOMSON,	- -	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ J. ALEX. SIMPSON,	-	<i>Assistant Grand Secretary.</i>

“ HENRY BAUMGARDNER,	-	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ ROBERT L. MUENCH,	-	
“ HENRY S. STONER,	-	
“ EDWARD H. SHEARER,	-	
“ ASA B. STEVENS,	- -	
“ JOHN A. WEAVER,	-	
“ GEORGE E. DAVIS,	-	
“ GEORGE S. SNYDER,	-	
“ JOHN P. CLARK,	- -	
“ ALEXANDER M. LLOYD,	-	
“ ISAAC S. ALDEN,	-	
“ HARRISON T. BEARDSLEY,	-	
“ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON,	-	
“ RICHARD COULTER,	- -	
“ JOSEPH EICHBAUM,	-	



Bro. WILLAM B. MEREDITH, -	}	<i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>	
“ FREDERICK WHITTLESEY,			
“ FRANCIS H. FOSTER, -			
“ JOHN FOUNTAIN, - -			
“ THOMAS S. McNAIR, -			
“ WILLIAM CHATLAND, -			
“ JOHN J. WADSWORTH,			
“ ELBERT P. JONES, - -			
“ JACOB F. QUILLMAN, -			
“ SAMUEL L. FRENCH, -	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>	
“ CHARLES L. WHEELER,			
“ JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D.,			
“ RICHARD H. ALLEN, D.D.,			
“ EDGAR M. LEVY, D.D.,			
“ NATHAN C. SHAFFER,			
“ DANIEL SUTTER, - -			<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ ALONZO F. MARTIN, -			<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ S. P. GILBERT, - -			}
“ THOS. I. BELLVILLE, -			
“ GEORGE W. WOOD, - -		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>	
“ CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA,		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>	
“ OSCAR R. MYERS, -		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>	
“ HARRISON G. CLARK, -		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>	
“ JOHN THOMSON, - -	}	<i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>	
“ RICHARD VAUX, - -			
“ ROBERT A. LAMBERTON,			
“ SAMUEL C. PERKINS, -			
“ ALFRED R. POTTER, -			
“ ROBERT CLARK, - -			
“ RICHARD VAUX,	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illinois, South Carolina, Alabama, Texas, Minnesota, and Wash- ington Territory.</i>	

BRO. SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Louisiana.</i>
" ALFRED R. POTTER,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Manitoba.</i>
" ROBERT CLARK, -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba.</i>
" E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i>
" CHARLES E. MEYER,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i>
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i>
" JOHN CURTIS, - -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.</i>
" MICHAEL ARNOLD,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i>

One hundred and ninety-five Lodges represented.

The Grand Lodge was honored with the presence of Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Junior Grand Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock 30 minutes, A. M.

This being the time designated by the Ahiman Rezon for the election of Officers and Trustees to serve the ensuing Masonic year, commencing on St. John's Day next, the Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint tellers, who having reported, the Right Worshipful Grand Master declared the following Brethren duly elected:



*R. W. Grand Master*, Brother MICHAEL NISBET.

*R. W. Deputy Grand Master*, Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK.

*R. W. Senior Grand Warden*, Bro. CONRAD B. DAY.

*R. W. Junior Grand Warden*, Bro. E. COPPÉE  
MITCHELL.

*R. W. Grand Treasurer*, Bro. THOMAS R. PATTON.

*R. W. Grand Secretary*, Bro. JOHN THOMSON.

*Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund.*

Brother JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,

“ GEORGE GRISCOM,

“ DANIEL BRITTAIN,

“ JOHN HANOLD,

“ EDWARD STRICKLAND.

*Trustees Girard Bequest.*

Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS,

“ GEORGE THOMSON,

“ CHARLES M. PREVOST,

“ HENRY C. HOWELL,

“ JACOB ROBERTS.

Petition for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Duke Centre, McKean county, was read, and on motion referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Missive from Most Worshipful GEORGE THORNBURGH, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Arkansas, appointing Brother MICHAEL ARNOLD Representative of said Grand Lodge was read, and on motion the missive was received, and Brother MICHAEL ARNOLD acknowledged as Representative of said Grand Lodge.

Missive from Most Worshipful SAMUEL P. MATHE-SON, Grand Master of the Province of Manitoba, in

the Dominion of Canada, appointing Right Worshipful Brother ALFRED R. POTTER, Representative of Grand Lodge aforesaid was read, and on motion the missive was received, and Right Worshipful Brother ALFRED R. POTTER acknowledged as Representative of said Grand Lodge.

Lodge No. 407 being in arrears for two years' dues, and want of returns, and having been fully notified of the same, the Right Worshipful Grand Master declared its Warrant vacated.

Lodge No. 480 being in arrears for two years' dues and having been duly notified, the Right Worshipful Grand Master declared its Warrant vacated.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions adopted :

The Committee on Finance respectfully report :

That in accordance with the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon, they have examined the following accounts, and found them correct :

The accounts of the Grand Secretary show :

#### RECEIPTS.

Received for Masonic Rents, Dues, Initiations, and ten per cents., - - -	\$99,638 10
“ “ Dispensations, Grand Lodge Cer- tificates, Ahiman Rezons and Attests, - - -	4,536 50
“ “ Store Rents, Chestnut Street Hall,	3,700 00
“ “ Warrant, - - -	200 00
“ “ Interest, Deposit Grand Treasurer,	126 20
“ “ “ “ “ Secretary,	60 32
“ “ Loan Account, - - -	15,000 00
Balance as per report November 15, 1878, -	5,026 34
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	\$128,287 46



## PAYMENTS.

Paid Orders Temple Committee, -	\$14,331	35
Paid Orders, expenses Grand Master, - - - - -	1,500	00
Paid Orders, expenses D. D. Grand Masters, - - - - -	1,340	71
Paid Orders, expenses Library Committee, - - - - -	400	00
Paid Orders, Relief for Transient Brethren, - - - - -	100	00
Paid Orders, Interest Account, -	79,230	00
“ “ Lodge No. 291, -	6	00
“ “ Sinking Fund, - -	10,000	00
Paid Orders, expenses of Grand Lodge:		
Chestnut Street Hall, Taxes for 1879, -	\$3,598	37
Water Rent, for 1879, - -	62	00
Louis Schnider for repairs, -	160	37
Louis Schnider for repairs, -	7	00
Horace Fritz for Cash advanced for advertising, drawing leases and services rendered, -	317 46	\$4,145 20
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Expenses of Election, -	21	00
H. G. Clark for Craping Jewels for Past Grand Master Bro. Fritz, -	5	00
H. G. Clark, for Craping		

Jewels for Past Grand Master Bro. Porter,	\$5 00	
S. Y. Thomson for Printing Circulars, Notices, Annual Reports for Lodges, &c., &c., -	172 75	
McCalla & Stavely, Printing Proceedings for '78,	381 75	
George F. Lewis for Printing 100 Grand Lodge Certificates on Parchment, - - -	53 00	
Geo. F. Lewis for Printing 50 Warrants on Parchment, - -	68 00	
J. H. Wilson, Masonic Clothing for District Deputy Grand Masters,	40 00	
Broadbent & Taylor for Photographs of P. G. Masters Bros. Clark and Porter, - - -	17 00	
Stationery, &c., Grand Master, - - -	27 50	
Ed. Andrews' Testimonial to P. G. Master Bro. Porter, - - -	50 00	
C. Faser, Framing, &c.,	30 40	
Donation to the Widow of P. G. Master Bro. ———, - -	100 00	5,116 60
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Salaries and expenses, Grand Officers and their Office expenses:		
Samuel B. Dick, Senior Grand Warden, expenses for 1877-1878,	150 00	



Thomas R. Patton, Grand Treasurer, salary, -	\$200 00			
John Thomson, Grand Secretary, salary, from Sept. 30, 1878, to Sept. 30, 1879, - -	2,000 00			
Charles H. Kingston, salary, from Sept. 30, 1878, to Sept. 30, 1879 -	1,600 00			
Jas. H. Boswell, salary, from Sept. 30, 1878, to Sept. 30, 1879, -	1,000 00			
Harrison G. Clark, salary, from Sept. 30, 1878, to Sept. 30, 1879, - -	150 00			
George W. Wood, salary, to Dec. 27, 1878, -	125 00			
Expenses Grand Secretary's Office for Stationery, Postage Stamps, including Grand Lodge Proceedings and Annual Report to Lodges, Expressage, &c., -	233 98			
Expenses Grand Master's Office for Postage, Letter Paper, &c., -	25 75			
Provident Life Insurance and Trust Company for Stamped Check Book, for payment of Interest Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, - -	22 04	5,506 77	117,531 43	
Balance November 15, 1879, - - -			\$10,756 03	

The account of the Grand Secretary for sale of Dispensa-

tions, Ahiman Rezens, Attests and Grand Lodge Certificates show:

Dispensations, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,660 00
Ahiman Rezens, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	169 00
Attests, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	109 00
Grand Lodge Certificates, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	124 00
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							\$2,062 00
Paid Grand Treasurer, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$208 00
" " " -	-	-	-	-	-	-	283 00
" " " -	-	-	-	-	-	-	538 00
" " " -	-	-	-	-	-	-	343 00
" " " -	-	-	-	-	-	-	690 00
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							\$2,062 00

The accounts of the Grand Secretary for Interest on Masonic Temple Redemption Loan show:

Amount of back Interest due March 1st, 1879,	\$415 61
“ “ Interest “ “ “ “	39,615 00
“ “ back Interest “ Sept. “ “	766 61
“ “ Interest “ “ “ “	39,615 00
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	80,412 22
Amount paid by Grand Secretary, - - -	79,005 61
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Balance in Bank, - - - - -	\$1,406 61

The account of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest show:

Balance as per last report,	-	-	-	-	\$45 19
Interest on Investments,	-	-	-	-	3,664 86
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					3,710 05
Paid Orders of Stewards,	-	-	-	-	3,500 00
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Balance, - - - -	-	-	-	-	\$210 05

Their Investments:

Masonic Temple Redemption Loan,	\$51,000	00
Lehigh Coal and Navigation Com-		
pany Gold Loan, - - - -	8,000	00



Lehigh Coal and Navigation Com-		
pany Mortgage Loan, 1884, -	\$1,000	00
Balance Sunbury Masonic Hall As-		
sociation Mortgage, - - -	1,000	00
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	\$61,000	00

The accounts of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund show :

Balance on hand last report, - - -	\$1,015	19
Interest on Investments, - - -	4,128	10
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	5,143	29
Cash paid Almoners, - - -	\$3,300	00
“ “ “ for Investment, 532 50	3,835	50
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Balance, - - - - -	\$1,310	79

Their Investments are :

Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, - -	\$68,700	00
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The accounts of the Commissioners of Sinking Fund show :

Balance on hand November 15th, 1878, -	\$213	16
Received for City Warrants paid, - -	18,997	96
“ from Grand Lodge, - - -	10,000	00
“ for Premiums, Interest, &c., - -	2,544	43
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	\$31,755	55

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Paid for City Warrants, - -	\$10,743	29
“ “ U. S. Loan, - - -	13,000	00
“ “ Masonic Temple Redemp-		
tion Loan, - - -	6,200	00
“ “ Rent Safe, Fidelity Insur-		
ance and Trust Company, 10 00		
“ “ Premium, Interest, &c., - 1,010 37		
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	\$30,963	66
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	\$791	89

Their investments are :

City Warrants, - - - -	\$7,461 88
Masonic Loan, - - - -	19,200 00
United States Loan, - - -	13,000 00
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	\$39,661 88

Your Committee have examined the books and vouchers of the Temple Committee and Library Committee, and found them correct, and their transactions will be fully set out in their reports to the Grand Lodge. They have also examined the transfer of Bonds with the Bond Ledger, and found them correct.

The Grand Secretary furnished the Committee with a balance sheet of the affairs of the Grand Lodge on the 15th November, 1879, being the close of the fiscal year, and which is affixed hereto, and also one for the commencement of the fiscal year 1880.

The Committee present the following estimated receipts and expenditures for the year 1880 :

#### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand November 15, 1879, - - -	\$10,756 03
Dues, - - - - -	47,500 00
Initiations, - - - - -	9,000 00
Ten Per Cents., - - - - -	2,200 00
Masonic Rents, - - - - -	41,000 00
Store Rents, - - - - -	6,500 00
Dispensations, - - - - -	4,500 00
Warrants, - - - - -	200 00
Due by Lodges, &c., - - - - -	\$23,643 99
Masonic Rents, Due 31st Dec. 1879, 9,820 00	33,463 99
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	\$155,120 02

#### PAYMENTS.

Interest on Masonic Temple Re-	
demption Loan, - - - - -	\$79,230 00
Expenses Grand Master, - - -	1,500 00
Expenses Dist. Dep. Grand Masters, 1,500 00	



## Salaries as follows:

Thos. R. Patton, Gd. Treas,	\$200	00	
John Thomson, Gd. Sec'y,			
from 30th Sept., '79, to			
30th Sept., '80, - - -	2000	00	
John Thomson, Gd. Sec'y,			
from 30th Sept., '80, to			
Nov. 15th, '80, - - -	250	00	
Chas. H. Kingston, from			
30th Sept., 1879, to Sept.			
30th, 1880, - - -	1600	00	
Chas. H. Kingston, from			
30th Sept., 1880, to Nov.			
15th, 1880, - - -	200	00	
Jos. H. Boswell, from 30th			
Sept., 1879, to Sept. 30th,			
1880, - - -	1000	00	
Jos. H. Boswell, from 30th			
Sept., 1880, to Nov. 15th,			
1880, - - -	125	00	
Harrison G. Clark, from			
30th Sept., 1879, to Sept.			
30th, 1880, - - -	150	00	
Harrison G. Clark, from			
30th Sept., 1880, to Nov.			
15th, 1880, - - -	18	75	5,543 75
Books, Stationery, Printing, &c., -			450 00
Expenses Grand Lodge, including			
Printing Proceedings Gd. Lodge,			1,200 00
Chestnut Street Hall, Taxes, Water			
Rent, - - - - -			5,000 00
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			\$94,423 75

## Estimate of Temple Committee:

Superintendent,	-	-	\$1300 00
Engineer,	-	-	1040 00
Night Fireman,	-	-	650 00

Day Fireman, - - -	\$600 00		
Night Watchman, - -	624 00		
Laborers, - - -	2340 00		
Gas, - - -	3500 00		
Fuel, - - -	900 00		
Ice, - - -	100 00		
Water and Sewerage, -	200 00		
Contingent Expenses, -	2546 00	\$13,800 00	
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Library Committee, - -	-	350 00	
Due Sinking Fund, 1878,	15,000 00		
“ “ 1879,	15,000 00	30,000 00	
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“ Loan Account, - -	-	15,000 00	153,573 75
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In consequence of the decrease of the revenues of the Grand Lodge, occasioned by the limited amount of work done by the Craft, during the general business depression for the past six years, and the loss of rents by reason of the removal of the Chapters and other Masonic Bodies from their former rooms, and the excess of appropriations heretofore made to the Sinking Fund, your Committee deem it inexpedient to make an appropriation to said Fund for the ensuing year.

For the information of the Grand Lodge, we herewith submit a statement of the appropriations heretofore made to the Sinking Fund from its organization to the present time : The Sinking Fund was established in the year

1869, and the appropriations made thereto to the 15th of November, 1879, amount to \$93,331 82  
 To which was added the proceeds from the sale of a 6 per cent. Loan, which was discontinued by resolution of the Grand Lodge, amounting to 74,743 10  
 Also accumulations of Interest to said Fund, - 22,378 85

Making a total of, - - - - - \$190,453 77  
 in ten years.



Allowing an appropriation of \$15,000 annually for ten years, which is about 15 per cent. of our entire revenue, the Fund would be entitled to \$150,000 ; deducting this amount, it left a balance in the Sinking Fund November 15, 1879, of \$40,453.77, to which must be added the appropriations of 1878 and 1879, of \$30,000, and will be provided for from our current revenues, showing an excess of \$70,453.77. This amount will be applicable to the liquidation of a like amount of the present Masonic Loan, when it matures in September, 1880.

NOTE.—\$150,000 of the proceeds of the Sinking Fund has been applied to the liquidation of the Masonic Temple  $7\frac{3}{10}$  Loan.

By the conditions upon which the present Loan was issued, we have the option of paying it in 5 or 21 years.

We would respectfully recommend that the Grand Lodge authorize the Committee on Finance, to make the necessary preparation for the conversion of the present Masonic Loan into one bearing no greater rate of interest than 5 per cent ; said Loan to be a 10-20 Loan, or a longer time if advantageous to the Grand Lodge. By reducing the rate of interest to 5 per cent. we would effect a saving to the Grand Lodge of \$13,205 annually.

While we are endeavoring to find a mode of relief to the Grand Lodge, we also desire to afford the same to the Lodges and other Masonic Bodies meeting in the Temple as far as practicable.

Such of those that close over in the months of July or August, they be permitted to hold special meetings in their own, or such other unoccupied rooms, without charge, for the same number of nights they may have vacated their respective rooms.

We further recommend that the rent of the Assembly Room be fixed at \$10 for each meeting held therein.

Under existing circumstances this is as great a concession as we can venture at the present time without detriment to the revenues of the Grand Lodge.

The present indications of a general improvement in the business of the country will no doubt pertain to the Craft, and we may reasonably hope in a year hence, to realize our share of the benefits resulting from it.

In the case of Oasis Lodge, No. 416, asking to be relieved of the payment of their dues amounting to \$78, we recommended its remission.

We offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to make the necessary preparation for the conversion of the present Masonic Loan into one at a rate of interest not exceeding 5 per cent. to be called the 5 per cent. Masonic Redemption Loan, payable in 10 or the option of 20 years, said Loan to be exchanged at par for the present Loan.

*Resolved*, That those Lodges and other Masonic Bodies, meeting in the Temple, that close over in the months of July or August, they be permitted to hold special meetings in their own or any other unoccupied room, for the same number of nights they may have vacated their respective rooms, free of charge.

*Resolved*, That the rent of the Assembly Room be fixed at \$10 for each meeting held therein.

*Resolved*, That the dues owing to the Grand Lodge by Oasis Lodge, No. 416, amounting to \$78, be remitted.

*Resolved*, That the following appropriations be made for the year 1880, to wit:

For Interest on Masonic Loan, -	\$79,230 00	
Expenses Grand Master, - -	1,500 00	
“ Dist. Deputy Grand Mas-		
ters, - - - -	1,500 00	
Salaries for Grand Lodge Officers as		
per estimate, - - - -	5,543 75	
Books, Stationery, and Printing, etc.,	450 00	
Expenses of Grand Lodge, including		
Printing Proceedings, - -	1,200 00	
Chestnut Street Hall, Taxes, Water		
Rent, - - - -	5,000 00	\$94,423 75

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## Temple Committee :

For Superintendent, - - -	\$1,300 00	
“ Engineer, - - -	1,040 00	
“ Night Fireman, - - -	650 00	
“ Day “ - - -	600 00	
“ Night Watchman, - - -	624 00	
“ Laborers, - - -	2,340 00	
“ Gas, - - -	3,500 00	
“ Fuel, - - -	900 00	
“ Ice, - - -	100 00	
“ Water and Sewerage, -	200 00	
“ Contingent Expenses, including repairs on roof, - - -	2,546 00	\$13,800 00
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Library Committee, - - -	350 00	
Due Sinking Fund for 1878, -	15,000 00	
“ “ “ “ 1879, -	15,000 00	
“ Loan account, - - -	15,000 00	\$45,350 00
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		\$153,573 75

*Resolved*, The Right Worshipful Grand Master be and is hereby authorized and requested to draw his warrants on the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer for the above appropriations.

JOHN C. YEAGER,  
JAMES HERDMAN,  
E. HARPER JEFFRIES,  
AUGUSTUS R. HALL,

*Committee on Finance.*

DECEMBER 3, 1879.

## BALANCE SHEET GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

NOVEMBER 15, 1879.

DR.		CR.	
Lodge 3 .....	\$120 00	Lodge 228 . . . . .	\$2 50
" 9 .....	4 00	" 271 .....	2 00
" 22 .....	136 00	" 272 .....	21 00
" 91 .....	245 00	" 289 .....	120 00
" 126 .....	435 00	" 307 .....	1 00
" 131 .....	360 00	" 337 .....	5 00
" 144 .....	8 00	" 341 .....	1 00
" 153 .....	63 00	" 373 .....	6 00
" 155 .....	120 00	" 429 .....	3 00
" 156 .....	99 00	" 433 .....	1 00
" 164 .....	80 00	" 450 .....	743 43
" 187 .....	240 00	" 466 .....	2 00
" 197 .....	64 00	" 486 .....	1 00
" 211 .....	680 00	" 512 .....	4 00
" 216 .....	241 00	" 517 .....	1 50
" 218 .....	135 00	" 520. ....	35
" 222 .....	108 00	City Dues .....	23,958 00
" 225 .....	131 00	Dues other than City.	23,479 17
" 232 .....	74 00	City Initiations .....	2,930 00
" 240 .....	169 00	Initiations other than	
" 246 .....	10 00	City .....	5,210 00
" 249 .....	139 00	Ten Per Cents. ....	2,384 00
" 250 .....	185 00	Grand Lodge of Penna	789,252 02
" 258 .....	96 00	Masonic Rents .....	40,176 02
" 260 .....	82 00	Store Rents .....	3,700 00
" 263 .....	66 00	Warrants .....	200 00
" 265 .....	110 00	Dispensations .....	4,536 50
" 273 .....	215 50	Masonic Temple Re-	
" 283 .....	113 00	demption Loan. ....	1,320,500 00
" 295 .....	385 00	Fairbanks & Co. ....	150 00
" 296 .....	475 00	S. M. Nash. ....	150 00
" 299 .....	3 00	Loan Account .....	15,000 00
" 302 .....	131 00		
" 305 .....	172 00		
" 306 .....	161 00		
" 325 .....	131 00		
" 326 .....	67 08		
" 329 .....	31 00		
" 331 .....	28 00		
" 334 .....	132 00		
" 336 .....	85 00		
" 338 .....	73 00		
" 339 .....	155 00		
" 351 .....	52 00		
" 361 .....	54 00		
" 363 .....	310 00		
" 376 .....	72 00		
" 377 .....	102 00		
" 379 .....	135 00		
Carried forward. ....	\$7,282 58	Carried forward. ...	\$2,232,540 49



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Brought forward....	\$7,282 58	Brought forward...	\$2,232,540 49
Lodge 380.....	115 00		
" 383.....	1 00		
" 385.....	134 50		
" 393.....	120 00		
" 401.....	23 00		
" 402.....	5 00		
" 407.....	38 00		
" 410.....	68 00		
" 416.....	78 00		
" 419.....	10 00		
" 424.....	66 00		
" 427.....	8 00		
" 434.....	5 00		
" 436.....	120 00		
" 437.....	64 00		
" 441.....	822 00		
" 444.....	240 00		
" 445.....	23 00		
" 446.....	43 00		
" 453.....	692 00		
" 459.....	28 00		
" 460.....	4 25		
" 463.....	64 00		
" 471.....	43 00		
" 472.....	23 00		
" 473.....	127 00		
" 477.....	153 00		
" 478.....	25 00		
" 480.....	117 00		
" 481.....	733 50		
" 482.....	693 50		
" 485.....	65 00		
" 487.....	676 50		
" 491.....	550 00		
" 492.....	23 00		
" 495.....	55 00		
" 496.....	53 00		
" 504.....	1 00		
" 507.....	75 00		
" 514.....	49 00		
" 518.....	60 00		
" 527.....	1,055 00		
" 528.....	714 50		
" 529.....	240 00		
" 530.....	55 00		
" 533.....	83 00		
" 540.....	130 00		
" 543.....	230 00		
" 479.....	37 00		
" 548.....	59 00		
" 550.....	152 00		
Chapter 3.....	360 00		
" 52.....	180 00		
Carried forward.....	\$16,872 33	Carried forward....	\$2,232,540 49

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Brought forward...	\$16,872 33	Brought forward...	\$2,232,540 49
Chapter 169.....	785 00		
“ 175.....	540 00		
“ 232.....	360 00		
“ 248.....	940 00		
“ 250.....	360 00		
“ 251.....	520 00		
“ 240.....	900 00		
Commandery 29 .....	200 00		
“ 47 .....	400 00		
“ 53 .....	600 00		
Philad'a Consistory ..	416 66		
Grand Commandery..	80 00		
Red Cross Constantine	20 00		
Cash.....	10,756 03		
Expenses Gd. Master.	1,500 00		
“ D. D. Grand			
Masters .....	1,340 71		
Expenses Gd. Lodge..	5,116 60		
Salaries and Expenses			
of Grand Officers and			
their Offices .....	5,506 77		
Temple Committee...	14,331 35		
Library Committee...	400 00		
Interest.....	79,043 48		
Sinking Fund.....	40,453 77		
Grand Lodge Charity			
Fund .....	70,010 79		
Stephen Girard Charity			
Fund .....	61,210 05		
Real Estate.....	1,919,126 95		
Saulnier & Co.....	600 00		
C. M. Rosenthal.....	50 00		
Relief Fund .....	100 00		
	<u>\$2,232,540 49</u>		<u>\$2,232,540 49</u>

## BALANCE SHEET GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

NOVEMBER 15, 1879.

AFTER CLOSING ENTRIES FOR THE YEAR 1879 ARE MADE.

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Due by Lodges, &c...	\$23,643 99	Due to Lodges, &c...	\$1,214 78
Sinking Fund .....	40,453 77	Grand Lodge of Penna	788,586 80
Stephen Girard Charity		Masonic Temple Re-	
Fund .....	61,210 05	demption Loan ....	1,320,500 00
Grand Lodge Charity		Loan Account .....	15,000 00
Fund .....	70,010 79		
Real Estate.....	1,919,126 95		
Cash .....	10,756 03		
Relief Fund .....	100 00		
	<u>\$2,125,301 58</u>		<u>\$2,125,301 58</u>



## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

PHILADELPHIA, *November 15th*, 1879.

*To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:—The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund make the following statement, showing the financial operation of the trust for the year ending November 15th, 1879. The capital of the fund has been increased in the sum of five hundred dollars during the year, by the purchase of one certificate for five hundred dollars of Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, at a cost of five hundred and thirty-two  $\frac{50}{100}$  dollars, thereby making the invested capital of the Trust, amount to the sum of sixty-eight thousand seven hundred dollars (all of which is in Masonic Loan). By adding the balance due Trust, thirteen hundred and ten  $\frac{79}{100}$  dollars to said investments, will make the whole capital amount to the sum of seventy thousand and ten  $\frac{79}{100}$  dollars (\$70,010 $\frac{79}{100}$ ), showing an increase or gain of seven hundred and ninety-five dollars and sixty cents for the year ending this day.

Fraternally,

JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
GEORGE GRISCOM,		
DANIEL BRITTAIN,		
JOHN HANOLD,		
EDWARD STRICKLAND,		

## TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

1879.

Jan'y 1,	To balance on Deposit in Bank,	\$1,015	19
March 1,	To interest on Masonic Loan,	2,046	00
Sept. 23,	" " " " "	2,061	00
Nov. 7,	" " " Deposits for the		
	year, . . . . .	21	10
		<hr/> \$5,143 29	

Jan'y 10, By Order No. 1, in favor of		
Almoners, - - - -	\$1,100 00	
April 5, By Order No. 2, in favor of Al-		
moners, - - - -	550 00	
July 7, By Order No. 3, in favor of Al-		
moners, - - - -	550 00	
July 23, By Cash paid Lewis Seal for		
\$500 Masonic Temple Re-		
demption Loan, - - -	532 50	
Oct. 9, By Order No. 4, in favor of Al-		
moners, - - - -	1,100 00	
	<hr/>	3,832 50
Balance due Trust, - - -		\$1,310 79

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF GIRARD BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest made the following report. On motion the resolution attached thereto was adopted :

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :*

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report :

That they have received during the fiscal year ending November 15, 1879—

From interest on Investments, -	\$3,660 00	
“ “ Deposits, - - -	4 86	\$3,664 86

To which add balance November 15, 1878, per		
Report of Finance Committee, - - -		45 19

Makes a total of - - - -	\$3,710 05
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They have paid during the same period on orders for the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard

Charity Fund, - - - -	3,500 00
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Leaving a balance November 15, 1879, of	\$210 05
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On deposit in the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, at 1 per cent.



Their accounts with the securities of the Trust have been examined by the Finance Committee and found correct.

There has been no change in the investments since the date of the last report, and they are at the close of the fiscal year, November 15, 1879, as follows:

Masonic Temple Redemption Loan,	-	-	\$51,000 00
Bond and Mortgage Sunbury Masonic Hall As-			
sociation, balance due,	-	-	1,000 00
Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.'s Loan of 1884,			1,000 00
“ “ “ “ Gold Loan,			8,000 00

Making total investments at par value, \$61,000 00

The balance on hand with the estimated income will, in the opinion of the Trustees, justify an appropriation of \$3500 for the coming year for the charitable purposes of the Trust.

The Trustees respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending December, 1880, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,  
C. M. PREVOST,  
HENRY C. HOWELL,  
GEO. THOMSON,  
JACOB ROBERTS.

*Trustees.*

DECEMBER 3, 1879.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws reported *inter alia* the following, and the resolution adopted:

Lodge No. — has sent up for approval an amendment, striking out of their By-Laws the whole of Article XII. On referring to their code of By-Laws it appears that said Ar-

ticle provides for the establishment of a Permanent Fund, which is to consist in part of "bequests or donations" and "all sums received for Life Membership," and which is not to be impaired or diminished, but said fund is to be increased until it reaches at least "ten thousand dollars." The effect of this amendment if approved will be to turn over to the Treasury of the Lodge, funds which have been received by them and held as trust funds, in violation of every principle of equity and justice. When the Lodge received from its Life Members the sum which was required to be paid as the price of the privilege, it was with the implied contract that all such sums were to be set apart from the ordinary funds of the Lodge and invested so as to give stability to the Lodge, and thus secure to them the rights which they purchased at the stipulated price. It is at this late day unnecessary to say that bequests and donations made to the Lodge and by its laws placed in a permanent fund, must so remain. If the bequest or donation is of a general character, doubtless the Lodge can make such disposition of it as they may deem best, but if they choose to mix it with other funds stamped with the character of a trust, a trust it must remain and it is out of their power to turn it into the general treasury, subject to the control of a majority at any stated meeting.

If the sources from which this fund has heretofore been created draw too largely upon the resources of the Lodge, it is competent for them to amend their By-Laws in this particular, or to reduce the maximum sum of it to such an amount as will not interfere with vested rights or implied contracts. We therefore offer the following :

*Resolved*, That the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. — be disapproved.



## REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUND.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :*

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund respectfully present their Sixth Annual Report :

The balance on hand November 15th, 1878, as appears by the Fifth Annual Report presented to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication December 4th, 1878, was - - - \$213 16

They have since received cash from Grand Treasurer balance appropriation 1877, - - - 10,000 00

Principal of City Warrants paid off or sold, - 18,997 96

Interest on do. - - - - \$1,395 55

“ Masonic Temple Red. Loan, 816 00

“ U.S. 5 per ct. Loan of 1881, 325 00

“ Deposits in Fidelity Co., - 7 88 2,544 43

Making a total of - - - - \$31,755 55

And there has been paid for City

Warrants, Principal, - - - \$10,743 29

Accrued Interest on do. - - - 9 04

Premium on do. - - - - 158 08 10,910 41

For Masonic Temple Redemp. Loan,

Principal, - - - - \$6,200 00

Premium on do., - - - - 372 00 6,572 00

For U. S. 5 per ct. Loan 1881, Prin-

cipal, - - - - \$13,000 00

Premium on do., - - - - 471 25 13,471 25

For Rent of Safe in Fidelity, - - - - 10 00

Balance, - . - - - - 791 89

\$31,755 55

The balance on November 15, 1879, is on deposit to their credit in the Fidelity at an interest of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

Their accounts, to the close of the Financial Year, Nov. 15th, 1879, with the securities of the Fund, have been examined by the Committee on Finance and found correct.

The following changes have occurred in the funds and investments in the intervening period to the date of the report :

There has been received for City Warrants paid off:			
Principal,	-	-	\$6,121 41
Accrued Interest,	-	-	357 15 \$6,478 56
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Which added to the cash balance Nov. 15th,	-		791 89
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As above made cash,	-	-	\$7,270 45
And the Commissioners have purchased for investment \$7,000 U. S. 5 per cent. Loan of 1881			
@ 102 $\frac{1}{2}$ ,	-	-	7,175 00
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Leaving cash balance at the date of this report,			\$95 45

The Fund as it now stands is as follows:

City Warrants, par value,	-	-	\$1,340 47
Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, par value,	-		19,200 00
U. S. 5 per cent. Bonds 1881, par value,	-	-	20,000 00
Cash on hand,	-	-	95 45
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Making in all,	-	-	\$40,635 92

All which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Commissioners,

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,

*Chairman of Commissioners.*

DECEMBER 3, 1879.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3, 1879.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.:*

SIRS AND BRETHREN:—The Temple Committee would report that they have expended as follows during the quarter ending November 15th ult.:



Salaries of Superintendent and Engineer, -	-	\$585	00
Wages of Firemen, Watchman and Laborers, -	-	1,012	45
Gas, -	- - - - -	598	14
Fuel, -	- - - - -	572	54
Ice, -	- - - - -	45	86
Contingent Expenses, -	- - - - -	576	67
Total, -	- - - - -	\$3,390	66

And for the fiscal year, ending at the same time, say :

Salaries of Superintendent and Engineer, -	-	\$2,463	35
Wages of Firemen, Watchman and Laborers, -	-	4,223	63
Gas, -	- - - - -	3,713	94
Fuel, -	- - - - -	1,329	34
Ice, -	- - - - -	109	97
Water Rent, -	- - - - -	166	00
Contingent Expenses, including repairs to roof,		2,290	28
Total, -	- - - - -	\$14,296	51

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Signed,

WM. J. KELLY,  
HIBBERT P. JOHN,  
SAMUEL W. WRAY,  
GODFREY KEEBLER,  
HENRY K. SMITH,

*Temple Committee.*

#### REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :*

BRETHREN:—The Library Committee beg leave to present their Annual Report :

During the year they have distributed to the subscribers Part II of the Reprint, and are now preparing for the press Part III, which we hope to have ready before the close of the year.

They are glad to announce that from the renewed interest

in the work and the assistance rendered by the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Worshipful Masters of the several Lodges that the work will be continued, and we hope to a successful conclusion.

During the year we have received a number of valuable donations from members of the Fraternity. Of these we would mention from Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother Samuel C. Perkins, among others a rare engraving of a painting by Teniers of "the Flemish Freemasons in the Lodge," engraved and printed in 1747.

Brother Emmett Crawford, Colonel in the U. S. Army, now stationed at Camp Sheridan, Nebraska, has forwarded to the Library a valuable collection of minerals and fossils from the Bad Lands in Nebraska. It is donated to the Grand Lodge for the use of the Fraternity in this jurisdiction and not to be removed from the Temple Library Room. He has promised to add from time to time to the collection and thus increase its value and usefulness. Your Committee have named this collection "the Crawford Collection," and its arrival is expected daily.

We have received donations from the following Brethren:

R.W. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, St. John's Commandery, No. 4,	
R.W. Bro. Richard Vaux, Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214,	
R.W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, Bro. J. Hanold,	
Bro. H. G. Clark,	" A. W. Gayley,
" Dennis F. Dealy,	" W. S. Stokley,
" Chas. H. Kingston,	" John F. Hartranft,
" C. P. MacCalla,	" E. Coppée Mitchell,
" Geo. Kenning,	" Wm. Shinn,
" W. J. Hugan,	" J. S. Costa,
" S. B. Ellis,	" Dr. Eugene Bernardy,
" J. H. Neilson,	" F. A. Yard,
" R. H. Brown,	" C. F. Schultz, M. D.,
" T. B. Whytehead,	" Z. P. Bierer,
" F. Mills,	" Thos. S. Woodbury,
" John Halliwell,	" S. J. Dickey,
" Jos. H. Boswell,	" Emmett Crawford.



The following papers are sent us complimentary :

<i>Keystone,</i>	<i>Masonic Newspaper,</i>
<i>Pittsburgh Evening Chronicle,</i>	<i>San Francisco Post,</i>
<i>Eureka, Nevada, Standard,</i>	<i>Sunday Mercury,</i>
<i>Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald,</i>	<i>Canadian Craftsman.</i>
<i>Journal of Board of Health,</i>	<i>Rochester Herald,</i>
<i>Columbia Courant,</i>	<i>Western India Masonic Record,</i>
<i>Jewish Record,</i>	<i>Masonic Review,</i>
<i>Hebrew Leader,</i>	<i>Rochester Sunday Herald,</i>
<i>Voice of Masonry,</i>	<i>Der Triangle,</i>
<i>Scottish Freemason,</i>	<i>Bucks County Intelligencer,</i>
<i>Loomis' Masonic Journal,</i>	<i>Liberal Freemason.</i>
<i>Canadian Craftsman,</i>	

The receipts have been :

Balance on hand at last report, . . . . .	\$238 23
Donation Girard Mark Lodge for framing Portraits of Past Grand Masters, . . . . .	50 00
Appropriation by Grand Lodge, . . . . .	400 00
Sales of Memorial Volumes, . . . . .	10 00
Subscriptions to Reprint, . . . . .	151 00
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	\$849 23

The payments have been :

Subscriptions to Newspapers and Purchase of Books, . . . . .	\$166 65
Paid Brother Wm. Shinn for Attendance, . . . . .	138 50
Insurance on Memorial Volume in sheets, . . . . .	24 00
Postage and Incidentals, . . . . .	14 19
Framing Portraits Past Grand Masters, . . . . .	50 00
Account Cataloguing Books, . . . . .	10 00
Repairs of Stereoscope and Pictures, . . . . .	9 00
Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger, Mem. Volume, . . . . .	10 00
Sherman & Co., for Reprint, . . . . .	135 00
Postage on Reprint, . . . . .	10 42
Balance on hand for remainder of year, . . . . .	281 47
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	\$849 23

Which accounts have been examined and approved by the Committee on Finance of Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES E. MEYER,  
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,  
EDWARD S. WYCKOFF,  
JOHN L. YOUNG,  
JAMES S. BARBER,  
WM. C. HAMILTON,  
CHARLES W. PACKER.

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The following Amendment to SEC. 3 of ARTICLE X of the AHIMAN REZON was adopted, in the fourth line in place of the words “and those out of Philadelphia” insert the words “in other incorporated Cities and Allegheny County,” and to add to the end of the Section “and in the remainder of the State not less than thirty dollars (\$30),” so that the Section will read as follows :

“SEC. 3. No Lodge located in the City and County of Philadelphia shall confer the three (3) degrees of Masonry for a less sum than seventy-five dollars (\$75); in other incorporated Cities and Allegheny County for a less sum than forty dollars (\$40); and in the remainder of the State not less than thirty dollars (\$30).”

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock 25 minutes, P. M.

JOHN THOMSON,

*Grand Secretary.*



# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27, A. D. 1879, A. L. 5879.

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### P R E S E N T :

- BRO. MICHAEL NISBET, - - *R. W. Grand Master.*  
“ CONRAD B. DAY, - - - *R. W. Senior Grand Warden,*  
                                  *acting as R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*  
“ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, - *R. W. Junior Grand Warden,*  
                                  *acting as R. W. Senior Grand Warden.*  
“ R. J. C. WALKER, - - *R. W. Junior Grand Warden,*  
                                  *pro tem.*  
“ THOMAS R. PATTON, - *R. W. Grand Treasurer.*  
“ JOHN THOMSON, - - - *R. W. Grand Secretary.*  
“ CHARLES H. KINGSTON, *Deputy Grand Secretary.*  
“ EDGAR M. LEVY, D.D., } *Grand Chaplains.*  
“ JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D. }  
“ DANIEL SUTTER, - - - *Senior Grand Deacon.*  
“ AUGUSTUS R. HALL, - *Junior Grand Deacon.*  
“ GODFREY KEEBLER, - } *Grand Stewards.*  
“ LOUIS M. CHASTEAU, }  
“ GEORGE W. WOOD, - - *Grand Marshal.*  
“ DANIEL BRITTAIN, - - *Grand Sword Bearer.*  
“ OSCAR R. MEYERS, - - *Grand Pursuivant.*  
“ HARRISON G. CLARK,   *Grand Tyler.*  
“ JOHN THOMSON, - - }  
“ RICHARD VAUX, - - } *R. W. Past Grand Masters.*  
“ ROBERT CLARK, - - }

Bro. RICHARD VAUX, - - -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illinois, South Carolina, Alabama, Texas, Minnesota and Wash- ington Territory.</i>
" E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i>
" CHARLES E. MEYER,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i>
" ROBERT CLARK, - - -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba.</i>
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i>
" JOHN CURTIS, - - -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.</i>

Fifty-seven Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock 25 minutes, A. M.

The Committee on Correspondence made report, which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to make selections for publication.

(NOTE.—This Report will be found in the Appendix.)

The Board of Almoners made the following report :

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ALMONERS.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The Board of Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund respectfully submit for your approval the following summary of their operations during the past year :

Balance on hand as per last report, . . . . .	\$28 00
Amount appropriated by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, . . . . .	3,300 00
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	\$3,328 00
Amount donated to 285 applicants, . . . . .	3,155 00
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Leaving balance on hand, . . . . .	\$173 00



Relief was granted on 285 Applications.

Of the above Applicants 246 hailed from Pennsylvania.		
4	"	New York.
2	"	Rhode Island.
4	"	Louisiana.
4	"	Iowa.
3	"	South Carolina.
4	"	Delaware.
5	"	Virginia.
4	"	Connecticut.
1	"	California.
3	"	Ireland.
2	"	Jamaica.
3	"	Canada.

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The operations of the Board have been conducted in harmony among its members, and with a sincere desire on the part of each to produce the greatest amount of good with the funds entrusted to their care. The increased appropriations granted for the use of the Board has enabled them to meet the demand of the increased number of applicants for relief, and in many instances to grant more substantial aid than could otherwise have been done, but nevertheless there are frequent instances where larger sums than the Almoners have at their command could be used to great advantage.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED C. STULB,

*President Board of Almoners, G. L. C. F.*

PHILADELPHIA, December 27, 1879.

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The Stewards of Stephen Girard Charity Fund made the following report :

#### REPORT OF THE STEWARDS OF STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :*

The undersigned, on behalf of the Stewards of the "Stephen Girard Charity Fund," submits the following

report of their proceedings for the year ending December 26, 1879:

Balance on hand, December 26, 1878, as per last report,	-	-	\$20 00
Amount appropriated to Class No. 1,	-	-	\$950 00
“ “ “ “ 2,	-	-	800 00
“ “ “ “ 3,	-	-	800 00
“ “ “ “ 4,	-	-	950 00
Total amount appropriated by Grand Lodge,	-	-	3,500 00
			<u>\$3,520 00</u>

In the performance of their official duty, the Stewards have granted relief to two hundred and sixty-eight “poor and respectable Brethren,” to wit:

To 240 hailing under this Jurisdiction,	-	-	\$3,080 00
To 28 hailing under other Jurisdictions, viz:			
“ 1 “ “ Maryland,	-	-	\$10 00
“ 1 “ “ Virginia,	-	-	10 00
“ 11 “ “ District of Columbia,			150 00
“ 1 “ “ Massachusetts,	-	-	25 00
“ 3 “ “ Minnesota,	-	-	50 00
“ 3 “ “ Ohio,	-	-	45 00
“ 1 “ “ Missouri,	-	-	15 00
“ 1 “ “ Jamaica, W. I.,	-	-	10 00
“ 2 “ “ England,	-	-	25 00
“ 2 “ “ Ireland,	-	-	25 00
“ 2 “ “ Scotland,	-	-	25 00
“ 1 “ “ Singapore, E. I.,			25 00
			<u>415 00</u>
			\$3,495 00
Balance remaining Dec. 26, 1879,	-	-	25 00
			<u>\$3,520 00</u>

It will be observed by comparison with the last annual report, that the pressure upon the Stewards has not lessened, but on the contrary has somewhat increased; this is caused in a measure from the fact that some of the Lodges instead of relieving their members when they are in need of assistance, recommend them to the Stewards, reserving their funds for a “custom, more honored in the breach than in the observance.”

All of which is respectfully submitted by

E. P. LESCURE,

*President of Stewards.*



The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother MICHAEL NISBET, delivered the following address :

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

We are again assembled in Annual Grand Communication to close the labors of one Masonic year, and commence those of another, and it is with unfeigned pleasure we meet with you on this occasion to glance over the occurrences of the past year, feeling that nothing has transpired to disturb the harmony of the Craft within our borders, or to cause complaints or regrets.

All human institutions are subject to changes, and none more so than ours. Our idioms render ours peculiarly liable to innovations, and to guard against their introduction, requires the watchful and careful supervision of the Grand Master. Our work being transmitted orally only, it becomes all the more necessary that by close attention, diligent application, and constant instruction, we endeavor to retain it in its purity in the future as we have in the past.

Fully impressed with the obligation resting upon us, and also with the difficulties we might experience in eradicating errors, we commenced in the early part of the year a series of visitations to Subordinate Lodges. These materially varied from those paid by our predecessors. Discarding all pomp and show, our endeavor was not so much to impress the Craft with the grandeur of this Grand Body, as by an un-

ostentatious visit, accompanied by such of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters as could from time to time conveniently be present, to convince them, that the Grand Lodge had their interests at heart, and was exercising a fraternal supervision over them.

Eighty-one Lodges were thus visited, we being in each instance present at the opening, and remaining until the Lodge had closed. At each visitation the officers of the Lodge were required to do the work, upon candidates if they had them, and if not, to rehearse one or more degrees, that we might discover whether errors had crept in, and if so, suppress them. The Minutes were also examined. In some instances by 'ourselves' in the Lodge room, and in others by the Grand Secretary in advance of the visitation. When examined by the Grand Secretary, that Brother made an official report, which has now become a part of the record of the Lodge, in which, with his well-known impartiality, he pointed out the errors in form and in law that appeared in them, adding such advice and instruction as should enable them to guard against similar errors in future. A form of Minutes for Subordinate Lodges was also sent to those needing them, which we hope may eventually produce an uniformity in keeping Lodge records, that evidently does not now exist. On each of these occasions, before the Lodge closed, we addressed the Brethren, pointing out and correcting errors in the work, making explanatory remarks upon the reports of the Grand Sec-



retary, and method of keeping Lodge records ; explained the law, and gave such general advice and instruction as was considered necessary at the time, and would prove beneficial to the Lodge.

The importance to the Craft of these Grand Visitations cannot be overestimated. They have disclosed the fact that there is a want of uniformity in the work, and upon the part of many who have been exalted to the responsible position of Master, an absence of that correctness and skill, and knowledge of Masonic law, which is necessary for a proper discharge of the duties of their station. In all such instances we have offered to instruct all the officers of the Lodge in the work.

Deeply interested as we are in everything that will tend to promote the prosperity of the Craft, our own inclinations have as strongly prompted us to this service, as our sense of the duty we owe to it, and our only regret is, that we were unable to increase the number of these visits. That they have aroused a spirit of improvement is evident from the number who have availed themselves of our offer, and sought the proper instruction. We renew this offer to the officers of the Lodges, and we desire to impress upon the minds of those in Philadelphia, the importance of availing themselves of it, as from their being under the immediate supervision of the Grand Master, it may reasonably be expected that from them, Lodges from more remote portions of our jurisdiction, may take

their method of working. We also visited Temple School of Instruction, which is held in this building. This school is composed of officers of Lodges, who have competent Past Masters as instructors in the work, and will, under proper supervision, be of great assistance in lightening the labors of the Grand Master.

Through one of those strange fatalities that cannot be accounted for, we were led in our address of a year ago as Acting Grand Master, to do an injustice to Lodge No. 276. The Lodge we intended to mention was No. 536, and we take this occasion to do justice to No. 276, whose members pride themselves upon their strict adherence to the ancient usages and customs, by thus correcting our error, that the correction may be brought to the notice of those who have been made acquainted with the stigma placed upon them.

Through the public papers we learned, that in a recent investigation before a Committee of our State Legislature, the fair name of Freemasonry was dragged through the dirty, slimy pool of political bribery and corruption. Masons are but men, and are subject to all their weaknesses, and it should not be a matter of surprise, that there are some who endeavor to pervert our institution to improper purposes, but when the attempt to prostitute our Fraternity to accomplish nefarious ends becomes known, the offender should meet with speedy, and condign punishment. The purity of our Fraternity must be



preserved at all hazards. We know not if those who thus basely used our name, are Masons, but if they are, we call upon the Lodges to which they are attached, to bring them to trial, that no such unworthy members may be permitted to continue among us.

It having come to our knowledge that the Worshipful Master of a Lodge had declared a number of Brethren suspended for non-payment of dues without his Lodge taking any action upon them, we declared the proceeding null and void; and having since learned that great irregularities were practiced in similar cases in other Lodges, we issued a circular letter to all the Lodges in the jurisdiction setting forth the method to be pursued, before a Brother can be lawfully suspended for non-payment of dues.

A Lodge having issued notices that it would hold a Lodge of Sorrow in conjunction with a Chapter, we prohibited its doing so, upon the principles laid down by this Grand Lodge, that it recognizes but three degrees in ancient Masonry, and that a Lodge cannot participate with any other body, or allow them to participate with it, in any of their respective rites and ceremonies.

To the District Deputies we renew our suggestion to convene the officers of the Lodges in their respective districts at some central point therein for instruction in the ritual, and examination into their knowledge of Masonic jurisprudence. It has been tried in some of the districts during the present year with

beneficial results, and its more general practice must prove conducive to the interests of the Craft.

The amendment to the Ahiman Rezon reducing the minimum fee for initiation and membership in certain parts of the jurisdiction, which was approved at the last Quarterly Communication, does not become operative until the Lodges affected by it amend their By-Laws, and the amendments are approved by the Grand Lodge.

During the year we issued a Dispensation to Enter, Pass and Raise ; one to lay the corner-stone of a Hall for the Grand Army of the Republic at Shamokin, and one to constitute Lodge No. 554, at Meyersdale.

The following Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodges opposite their respective names have been appointed :

WILLIAM J. ROTHERMEL,	. . . . .	<i>Idaho.</i>
EDWARD S. KEECH,	. . . . .	<i>Maryland.</i>
WILLIAM G. SCOTT,	. . . . .	<i>Manitoba.</i>
FRANKLIN DOSWELL,	. . . . .	<i>Arkansas.</i>

In January last, accompanied by a number of the Grand Officers, we paid a visit to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey, upon the occasion of its Annual Communication, by invitation of its Most Worshipful Grand Master, MARSHALL B. SMITH, who received us with due honors, and welcomed us in an appropriate address. We were all much gratified with our visit and reception, and think the bonds of amity and fraternity already existing between our Grand Lodges have been strengthened by the visit.



At the request of the committee representing a number of citizens who had purchased a tract of land at Valley Forge, to be used as a public park forever, on which is erected the building occupied by our late Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON as his headquarters during the encampment held there in the winter of 1777 and 1778, we proceeded to that place on June 19, accompanied by the Grand Officers, and a number of Brethren, and laid a corner-stone in that memorable building with appropriate Masonic ceremonies.

We were also present at the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of Lodge No. 21, at Harrisburg, November 10, on which occasion the E. A. Degree was conferred on a candidate by the Senior Grand Warden, assisted by the other Grand Officers. The event was celebrated with appropriate festivities, and was attended by a large number of Brethren from various portions of the jurisdiction.

We also attended the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Lodge No. 292, November 20, which was also appropriately celebrated.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge is satisfactory. The receipts since the close of its fiscal year are in excess of the same period last year. The loan of \$15,000 has been paid, and the balance in the Treasury is larger now than at the date covered by the report of the Committee on Finance.

While some few of our Lodges are financially weak, the general tenor of the reports received from the

different districts, indicate a better outlook for the future, and we feel assured from information from official sources, that many Lodges now in arrears will be able to decrease their indebtedness, and that our revenue for the ensuing year will show a marked improvement.

The appropriation placed with the Grand Secretary for the relief of very pressing cases of necessity, has accomplished the purpose intended in thirteen instances, enabling the applicants to escape detention in their journey at an increased expense to them. But one-third of the appropriation was drawn, and as the remainder has merged into the funds of the Grand Lodge, we again recommend a similar appropriation.

The death of Past Grand Master JAMES M. PORTER, which occurred in August last, was announced at the Quarterly Communication in September, when appropriate resolutions were adopted, which were sent to his family, and an eulogy upon his life and services to the Craft was delivered. Attended by a number of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters, we paid our tribute of respect to his memory by accompanying his remains to the grave.

With those Grand Lodges with which we were in correspondence at the commencement of the year, the same fraternal relations still exist.

With heartfelt thanks to Him that sitteth in Heaven for the many blessings and mercies we have received at His hands, and with the earnest hope that



by our lives we may merit a continuance of them in the future, we now close the labors of our Masonic year.

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So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 3, A. L. 5879, as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read, when the following named Brethren were duly installed in their respective stations, for the ensuing Masonic year, in ancient and solemn form, viz :

BRO. MICHAEL NISBET,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" CONARD B. DAY,	-	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,		<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>

The Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother MICHAEL NISBET was pleased to announce the following appointments :

*Grand Chaplains :*

REV. BRO. WM. SUDDARDS, D.D.,	of Philadelphia.
" " RICHARD H. ALLEN, D.D.,	of Philadelphia.
" " J. J. McILYAR, D.D.,	of Pittsburgh.
" " J. ANDREWS HARRIS,	of Chestnut Hill, Phila.
" " WILLIAM B. WOOD, D.D.,	of Philadelphia.
" " JOHN S. J. McCONNELL,	of Pottsville.
" " J. W. ROBINS, D.D.,	of Philadelphia.
" " FRANK E. MILLER,	of Easton.
" " HENRY S. GETZ,	of Warren.
" " EDGAR M. LEVY, D.D.,	of Philadelphia.
" " NATHAN C. SCHAFFER,	of Kutztown.
" " SAMUEL HIRSCH,	of Philadelphia.
" " WILLIAM H. PLATT,	of Lewistown.

*Senior Grand Deacon:*

BRO. R. JARVIS C. WALKER, Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia.

*Junior Grand Deacon:*

BRO. DANIEL SUTTER, Lodge No. 130, Philadelphia.

*Grand Stewards:*

BRO. S. B. KENNEDY, Lodge No. 362, Erie.

“ SPENCER C. GILBERT, Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg.

*Grand Marshal:*

BRO. GEO. W. WOOD, Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia.

*Grand Sword Bearer:*

BRO. B. FRANK BRENEMAN, Lodge No. 43, Lancaster.

*Grand Pursuivant:*

BRO. OSCAR R. MEYERS, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.

*Grand Tyler:*

BRO. HARRISON G. CLARK, Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia.

*Committee on Finance:*

BRO. JOHN C. YEAGER, Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia.

“ JAMES HERDMAN, Lodge, No. 287, Pittsburgh.

“ AUGUSTUS R. HALL, Lodge No. 72, Philadelphia.

“ E. HARPER JEFFRIES, Lodge No. 186, Philadelphia.

“ A. LOUDEN SNOWDEN, Lodge No. 444, Philadelphia.

*Committee on Appeals:*

BRO. RICHARD VAUX, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

“ JOHN THOMSON, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

“ ROBERT CLARK, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

“ MICHAEL ARNOLD, Lodge, No. 126, Philadelphia.

“ GEORGE B. COLE, Lodge No. 315, Shippensburg.



*Committee on Correspondence :*

- BRO. RICHARD VAUX, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, Lodge No. 67, Philad'a.  
 “ CHARLES D. FREEMAN, Lodge No. 130, Philad'a.  
 “ HUBBARD B. PAYNE, Lodge No. 395, Kingston.  
 “ GEO. BAKER, Lodge No. 352, Chester.

*Committee on By-Laws :*

- BRO. J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, Lodge No. 385, Philad'a.  
 “ J. L. LEMBERGER, Lodge No. 226, Lebanon.  
 “ FRED. W. LAUER, Lodge No. 62, Reading.  
 “ WILLIAM HIMROD, Lodge No. 362, Erie.  
 “ JACOB P. GRIFFITH, Lodge No. 284, Catasauqua.

*Committee on Landmarks :*

- BRO. JOHN THOMSON, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.  
 “ ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, R. Worshipful Past Grand  
     Master.  
 “ ALFRED R. POTTER, R. Worshipful Past Grand  
     Master.

WITH THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND  
 DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

*Committee on Printing and Publishing :*

- BRO. JOHN L. THOMSON, Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia.  
 “ WILLIAM B. REED, Lodge No. 59, Philadelphia.  
 “ THOS. S. WOODBURY, Lodge No. 155, Philadelphia.  
 “ WILLIAM KINSEY, Lodge No. 25, Bristol.  
 “ TIMOTHY MCCARTHY, Lodge No. 386, Philad'a.

*Temple Committee :*

- BRO. WILLIAM J. KELLY, Lodge 59, Philadelphia.  
 “ HIBBERT P. JOHN, Lodge No. 369, Philadelphia.  
 “ SAMUEL W. WRAY, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.

BRO. HENRY K. SMITH, Lodge No. 81, Philadelphia.

“ GODFREY KEEBLER, Lodge No. 487, Philadelphia.

*Commissioners of Sinking Fund :*

BRO. SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Right Worshipful Past Grand  
Master.

“ EDWARD T. STEEL, Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia.

“ BENTON K. JAMISON, Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia.

“ THOMAS R. PATTON, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.

“ HENRY M. DECHERT, Lodge No. 274, Philadelphia.

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“ EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia.

“ WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, Lodge No. 230, Philad'a.

“ JAMES S. BARBER, Lodge No. 402, Philadelphia.

“ JOHN L. YOUNG, Lodge No. 130, Philadelphia.

“ CHAS. W. PACKER, Lodge No. 72, Philadelphia.

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“	JOSEPH J. WILLIAMS,	. . .	“	3
“	WILLIAM FLEMING,	. . .	“	9
“	WILLIAM A. SINN,	. . . .	“	19
“	JOHN M. ZOOK,	. . . . .	“	51
“	LOUIS WAGNER,	. . . . .	“	52
“	NEAL CAMPBELL,	. . . . .	“	59
“	AUSTIN J. MONTGOMERY,	.	“	67
“	STEPHEN B. WARNER,	. .	“	71
“	J. PARKER MARTIN,	. . .	“	72
“	WILLIAM C. MACKIE,	. . .	“	81
“	WILLIAM L. DRANE,	. . .	“	91



BROTHER	JOHN HIBBITT, . . . . .	Lodge No.	114
"	JOSEPH K. PARKER, . . . . .	"	115
"	ROBERT SCOTT, . . . . .	"	121
"	FREDERICK PHILLIPP, . . . . .	"	125
"	JAMES LANING, . . . . .	"	126
"	ROBERT ARTHUR, . . . . .	"	130
"	MATTHEW T. VANDEVER, . . . . .	"	131
"	JAMES A. KIRKPATRICK, . . . . .	"	134
"	DAVID KLEIN, . . . . .	"	135
"	GEORGE H. McCULLY, . . . . .	"	155
"	JAMES HALBERSTADT, . . . . .	"	158
"	HOWARD SMITH, . . . . .	"	186
"	ALFRED C. STULB, . . . . .	"	187
"	HENRY EINWECHTER, . . . . .	"	211
"	JOHN H. NEVEIL, . . . . .	"	230
"	ANDREW T. GAYLEY, . . . . .	"	246
"	J. FRANK KNIGHT, . . . . .	"	271
"	MICHAEL YOUNG, . . . . .	"	274 •
"	WILLIAM J. BARR, . . . . .	"	289
"	ISAAC WALKER, . . . . .	"	292
"	ROBERT B. SALTER, . . . . .	"	295
"	AMOS H. HALL, . . . . .	"	206
"	WILLIAM SPRUNGK, . . . . .	"	359
"	CHARLES CARY, . . . . .	"	368
"	J. MILTON RAAB, . . . . .	"	369
"	JOHN McKINNEY, . . . . .	"	380
"	LOUIS SCHMITH, . . . . .	"	384
"	JOHN HALLIWELL, . . . . .	"	385
"	THOMAS S. ROSS, . . . . .	"	386
"	EDWARD J. JAMES, . . . . .	"	393
"	SAMUEL McCAMBRIDGE, . . . . .	"	402
"	ROBERT STEEL, . . . . .	"	419

BROTHER	JOHN R. TOBIN, . . . . .	Lodge No.	432
"	WILLIAM MEESER, . . . . .	"	436
"	ROBERT MACKEY, . . . . .	"	441
"	WILLIAM H. BELLOWS, . . . . .	"	444
"	GEORGE BURWELL, . . . . .	"	449
"	J. GEORGE COPE, . . . . .	"	450
"	JAMES A. BECKET, . . . . .	"	453
"	CHARLES W. CARNS, . . . . .	"	456
"	EDWARD FOSTER, . . . . .	"	470
"	GEORGE RONEY, . . . . .	"	481
"	JOHN STERLING, . . . . .	"	482
"	WILLIAM PENN COOPER, . . . . .	"	487
"	JOHN B. PAXTON, . . . . .	"	491
"	HENRY GRIM, . . . . .	"	493
"	EZRA T. BARTLETT, . . . . .	"	500
"	H. C. WILLIAMS, . . . . .	"	506
"	ROBERT BEATTY, . . . . .	"	519
"	WILLIAM H. SNOWDEN, . . . . .	"	527
"	JOHN F. BIRD, . . . . .	"	528
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"	HARLAN INGRAM, . . . . .	"	3
"	JOHN EMSLEY, . . . . .	"	9
"	CHARLES TIEL, . . . . .	"	19
"	WILLIAM C. WARD, . . . . .	"	51
"	WILLIAM H. DICKSON, . . . . .	"	52
"	JOHN M. DAVENPORT, . . . . .	"	59
"	AMOS HANSELL, . . . . .	"	67
"	SAMUEL HARRISON, . . . . .	"	71
"	JAMES B. FOUST, . . . . .	"	72



BROTHER	LEANDER CRIDLAND, . . .	Lodge No.	81
"	GEORGE L. RAPP, . . . . .	"	91
"	THOMAS JACOBS, . . . . .	"	114
"	JOHN GRAHAM, . . . . .	"	115
"	JOHN STEWART, . . . . .	"	121
"	CHARLES PEELER, . . . . .	"	125
"	WILLIAM C. BLELOCH, . . .	"	126
"	J. GEORGE SCHOCK, . . . .	"	130
"	WILLIAM T. TAYLOR, . . . .	"	131
"	DAVID B. TAYLOR, . . . . .	"	134
"	ROBERT SHELMERDINE, . . .	"	135
"	EDWARD MASSON, . . . . .	"	155
"	WILLIAM L. TURNER, . . . .	"	158
"	BARCLAY J. WOODWARD, . . .	"	186
"	WILLIAM W. MAYBERRY, . . .	"	187
"	JAMES E. MITCHELL, . . . .	"	211
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"	WILLIAM H. BAKER, . . . . .	"	246
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"	HARRY K. LEECH, . . . . .	"	274
"	GABRIEL PHILLIPS, . . . . .	"	289
"	JOHN BURNS, . . . . .	"	292
"	JOHN H. DYE, . . . . .	"	295
"	JAMES C. BECKEL, . . . . .	"	296
"	S. W. GOODMAN, . . . . .	"	359
"	JOSEPH P. WYMAN, . . . . .	"	368
"	HENRY S. KETLER, . . . . .	"	369
"	BENJAMIN F. CHAMBERLAIN, .	"	380
"	WILLIAM H. CLOTHIER, . . .	"	384
"	C. J. DUXBURY, . . . . .	"	385
"	WILLIAM R. WARNER, . . . .	"	386
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"	JOSHUA K. HUGHES, . . .	"	450
"	WILLIAM CARISS, JR., . . .	"	453
"	JAMES McELWEE, . . . .	"	456
"	J. H. KENNEDY, . . . . .	"	470
"	THOMAS A. HARRIS, . . .	"	481
"	WILLIAM H. SIMPSON, . .	"	482
"	HENRY R. COULOMB, . . .	"	487
"	JOHN W. KOONS, . . . . .	"	491
"	AMOS W. BACON, . . . . .	"	493
"	THOMAS R. COOK, . . . . .	"	500
"	EDWARD E. WILLIAMS, . .	"	506
"	JAMES HOLDEN, . . . . .	"	519
"	BENJAMIN F. WAGNER, . .	"	527
"	ARTHUR A. MUTH, . . . .	"	528
"	ISAIAH T. BOSSERT, . . .	"	529

*District Deputy Grand Masters :*

- 1.—Brother HENRY BAUMGARDNER, of Lancaster, for the Counties of Lancaster and York.
- 2.—Brother ROBERT L. MUENCH, of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Northumberland and Montour.
- 3.—JOHN G. BOBB, of Carlisle, for the Counties of Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton and Adams.



- 4.—Brother EDWARD H. SHEARER, of Reading, for the Counties of Berks and Lebanon.
- 5.—Brother CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, of Pottsville, for the Counties of Schuylkill and Columbia.
- 6.—Brother ASA B. STEVENS, of Hyde Park, for the Counties of Lackawanna and Susquehanna, and Lodges Nos. 341 and 438 in Wyoming County.
- 7.—Brother JOHN A. WEAVER, of Easton, for the Counties of Northampton and Monroe, and Lodge No. 512 at Quakertown, Bucks County.
- 8.—Brother HENRY W. WILLIAMS, of Wellsboro', for the County of Tioga.
- 9.—Brother GEORGE E. DAVIS, of Athens, for the Counties of Bradford and Sullivan, and Lodges Nos. 248 and 263 in Wyoming County.
- 10.—Brother GEORGE S. SNYDER, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Lycoming, Union and Snyder.
- 11.—Brother JOHN P. CLARK, of Newport, for the Counties of Perry, Mifflin and Juniata.
- 12.—Brother ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, of Hollidaysburg, for the Counties of Cambria, Huntingdon, Blair and Bedford.
- 13.—Brother JOHN M. CLAPP, of Tidioute, for the Counties of Elk and Warren.

- 14.—Brother HARRISON T. BEARDSLEY, of Lock Haven, for the Counties of Centre, Clearfield and Clinton.
- 15.—Brother MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, of Sharon, for the Counties of Lawrence, Mercer and Beaver.
- 16.—Brother RICHARD COULTER, of Greensburg, for the Counties of Westmoreland and Indiana.
- 17.—Brother JOSEPH EICHBAUM, of Pittsburgh, for the County of Allegheny.
- 18.—Brother W. B. MEREDITH, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Clarion, Armstrong and Jefferson.
- 19.—Brother FREDERICK WHITTLESEY, of Washington, for the Counties of Washington and Greene, except Lodge No. 461, at Greenfield, Washington County, and Lodge No. 329, at Greensboro', Greene County.
- 20.—Brother CHARLES W. MACKEY, of Franklin, for the Counties of Venango, Forest and Butler.
- 21.—Brother FRANCIS H. FOSTER, of Meadville, for the County of Crawford.
- 22.—Brother GEORGE A. JENKS, of Newtown, for the County of Bucks, except Lodge No. 512, at Quakertown, and for Lodges Nos. 308, 400 and 410 in Montgomery County.
- 23.—Brother JOHN FOUNTAIN, of Chester, for the Counties of Delaware and Chester, except Lodges Nos. 75, 446 and 553.



- 24.—Brother THOMAS S. McNAIR, of Hazleton, for the Counties of Carbon and Lehigh, and Lodge, No. 327, at Hazleton.
- 25.—Brother WILLIAM CHATLAND, of Brownsville, for the Counties of Fayette and Somerset, and Lodge No. 461, at Greenfield, Washington County, and Lodge No. 329, at Greensboro', Greene County.
- 26.—Brother JOHN J. WADSWORTH, of Erie, for the County of Erie.
- 27.—Brother ELBERT P. JONES, of Ariel, for the Counties of Wayne and Pike.
- 28.—Brother JACOB F. QUILLMAN, of Norristown, for the County of Montgomery, except Lodges Nos. 308, 400 and 410, and for Lodges Nos. 75, 446 and 553 in Chester County.
- 29.—Brother SAMUEL L. FRENCH, of Plymouth, for the County of Luzerne, except Lodge No. 327, at Hazleton.
- 30.—Brother CHARLES L. WHEELER, of Bradford, for the Counties of McKean, Cameron and Potter.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary was pleased to appoint Brother J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON as Deputy Grand Secretary, which was confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

Brother JAMES L. NEAL offered the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That two hundred dollars be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary to be disbursed for

cases of charity not provided for, or which time will not permit the applicant to await the action of the proper committee.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 12 o'clock 30 minutes, P. M.

JOHN THOMSON,

*Grand Secretary.*



A TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Lodges included in each District, with the name and residence of each District Deputy Grand Master. The Lodges in the County of Philadelphia are under the direct supervision of the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

DISTRICT.	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	LODGE.		LOCATION OF LODGE.	
			NAME.	NO.	CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.
			.....	2	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia.
			.....	3	"	"
			.....	9	"	"
			Montgomery.....	19	"	"
			.....	51	"	"
			Harmony.....	52	"	"
			Washington.....	59	"	"
			Concordia.....	67	"	"
			La Fayette.....	71	"	"
			Philadelphia.....	72	"	"
			Hiram.....	81	Chestnut Hill.....	"
			Columbia.....	91	Philadelphia.....	"
			Solomon's.....	114	"	"
			St. John's.....	115	"	"
			Union.....	121	"	"
			Hermann.....	125	"	"
			Rising Star.....	126	"	"
			Phoenix.....	130	"	"
			Industry.....	131	"	"

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			NAME.	NO.	CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.
			Franklin .....	134	Philadelphia .....	Philadelphia.
			Roxborough .....	135	Manayunk .....	"
			Mount Moriah .....	155	Philadelphia .....	"
			Meridian Sun .....	158	"	"
			Eastern Star .....	186	"	"
			Integrity .....	187	"	"
			Kensington .....	211	"	"
			Richmond .....	230	"	"
			Shekinah .....	246	"	"
			Keystone .....	271	"	"
			Hamilton .....	274	West Philadelphia..	"
			Orient .....	289	Philadelphia .....	"
			Frankford .....	292	Frankford .....	"
			Melita .....	295	Philadelphia .....	"
			Mitchell .....	296	Germentown .....	"
			Humboldt .....	359	Philadelphia .....	"
			Corinthian .....	368	"	"
			Williamson .....	369	"	"
			Pennsylvania .....	380	"	"
			Richard Vaux .....	384	Nicetown .....	"
			Oriental .....	385	West Philadelphia..	"
			Apollo .....	386	Philadelphia .....	"
			Vaux .....	393	"	"
			Perkins .....	402	"	"
			Wm. B. Schnider...	419	"	"
			.....	432	"	"
			Mozart .....	436	"	"



1	Henry Baumgardner.....	Potter.....	441	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia.
		Philo.....	444	"	"
		Ivanhoe.....	449	"	"
		Stephen Girard.....	450	"	"
		Welcome.....	453	"	"
		Covenant.....	456	"	"
		Palestine.....	470	Falls of Schuylkill..	"
		St. Paul.....	481	Philadelphia.....	"
		Athelstan.....	482	"	"
		Robt. A. Lambertson..	487	"	"
		Excelsior.....	491	"	"
		Crescent.....	493	"	"
		Wm. C. Hamilton...	500	"	"
		Jerusalem.....	506	Frankford.....	"
		Gothic.....	519	Philadelphia.....	"
		Philates.....	527	"	"
		Mount Horeb.....	528	"	"
		St. Alban.....	529	"	"
		.....	43	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.
		Washington.....	156	Drumore Centre....	"
		Columbia.....	286	Columbia.....	"
		Ashara.....	398	Marietta.....	"
		Christiana.....	417	Christiana.....	"
		Lamberton.....	476	Lancaster.....	"
		Chas. M. Howell....	496	Safe Harbor.....	"
		Casiphia.....	551	Mount Joy.....	"
		York.....	266	York.....	York.
		Patmos.....	348	Hanover.....	"
		Shrewsbury.....	423	Shrewsbury.....	"
		Zeredatha.....	451	York.....	"
		Riverside.....	503	Wrightsville.....	"
		Perseverance.....	21	Harrisburg.....	Dauphin.
2	Robert L. Muench.....	Susquehanna.....	364	Millersburg.....	"

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3	John G. Bobb.....	Carlisle, Cumberland Co.....	Robert Burns.....	464	Harrisburg.....	Dauphin.
			Prince Edwin.....	486	Middletown.....	"
			Danville.....	224	Danville.....	Montour.
			Mahoning.....	516	"	"
			.....	22	Sunbury.....	Northumberland.
			Shamokin.....	255	Shamokin.....	"
			Milton.....	256	Milton.....	"
			Mount Carmel.....	378	Mount Carmel.....	"
			Watson town.....	401	Watson town.....	"
			Eureka.....	404	Northumberland.....	"
			Elysburg.....	414	Elysburg.....	"
			Cumberland Star.....	197	Carlisle.....	Cumberland.
			St. John's.....	260	"	"
			Eureka.....	302	Mechanicsburg.....	"
			Cumberland Valley..	315	Shippensburg.....	"
			Big Spring.....	361	Newville.....	"
			George Washington..	143	Chambersburg.....	Franklin.
			Orrstown.....	262	Orrstown.....	"
			Mount Pisgah.....	443	Green Castle.....	"
			Good Samaritan.....	336	Gettysburg.....	Adams.
			Hebron.....	465	York Springs.....	"
			.....	62	Reading.....	Berks.
			Chandler.....	227	"	"
			Williamson.....	307	Womelsdorf.....	"
			Teutonia.....	367	Reading.....	"
			Huguenot.....	377	Kutztown.....	"
			Vaux.....	406	Hamburg.....	"
4	Edward H. Shearer.....	Reading, Berks Co.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			.....	.....	.....	.....



5	Christopher Little.....	Pottsville, Schuylkill Co.....	St. John's.....	435	Reading.....	Berks.
			Union.....	479	Morgantown.....	"
			Reading.....	549	Reading.....	"
			Mount Lebanon....	226	Lebanon.....	Lebanon.
			Schuylkill.....	138	Orwigsburg.....	Schuylkill.
			Pulaski.....	216	Pottsville.....	"
			.....	222	Minersville.....	"
			Tamaqua.....	238	Tamaqua.....	"
			Swatara.....	267	Tremont.....	"
			Page.....	270	Schuylkill Haven...	"
			Anthracite.....	285	St. Clair.....	"
			Ashland.....	294	Ashland.....	"
			Mahanoy City.....	357	Mahanoy City.....	"
			Pine Grove.....	409	Pine Grove.....	"
			Cressona.....	426	Cressona.....	"
			Shenandoah.....	511	Shenandoah.....	"
			Washington.....	265	Bloomsburg.....	Columbia.
			Catawissa.....	349	Catawissa.....	"
			Oriental.....	460	Orangeville.....	"
			Knapp.....	462	Berwick.....	"
6	Asa B. Stevens.....	Hyde Park, Lackawanna Co.....	Carbondale.....	249	Carbondale.....	Lackawanna.
			Hiram.....	261	Providence.....	"
			Union.....	291	Scranton.....	"
			Waverly.....	301	Waverly.....	"
			Peter Williamson...	323	Scranton.....	"
			Hyde Park.....	339	Hyde Park.....	"
			Schiller.....	345	Scranton.....	"
			Kingsbury.....	466	Olyphant.....	"
			Moscow.....	504	Moscow.....	"
			Aurora.....	523	Jermyn.....	"
			Warren.....	240	Montrose.....	Susquehanna.
			Freedom.....	328	Jackson.....	"
			Great Bend.....	338	Great Bend.....	"

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7	John A. Weaver.....	Easton, Northampton Co.....	Canawacta.....	360	Susquehanna Depot.	Susquehanna.
			Clifford.....	439	Clifford.....	"
			Hartford.....	445	Harford.....	"
			New Milford.....	507	New Milford.....	"
			Factoryville.....	341	Factoryville.....	Wyoming.
			Nicholson.....	438	Nicholson.....	"
			Easton.....	152	Easton.....	Northampton.
			Bethlehem.....	283	Bethlehem.....	"
			Mount Bethel.....	311	Mount Bethel.....	"
			Dallas.....	396	Easton.....	"
			Manoquesy.....	413	Bath.....	"
			Barger.....	325	Stroudsburg.....	Monroe.
8	Henry W. Williams.....	Wellsboro', Tioga Co.....	Quakertown.....	512	Quakertown.....	Bucks.
			Friendship.....	247	Mansfield.....	Tioga.
			Ossea.....	317	Wellsboro'.....	"
			Bloss.....	350	Blossburg.....	"
			Cowanesque.....	351	Knoxville.....	"
			Tioga.....	373	Tioga.....	"
			Osceola.....	421	Osceola.....	"
			Westfield.....	477	Westfield.....	"
			Rural Amity.....	70	Athens.....	Bradford.
			Union.....	108	Towanda.....	"
			Evergreen.....	163	Monroeton.....	"
			Trojan.....	306	Troy..	"
9	George E. Davis.....	Athens, Bradford Co.....	Canton.....	415	Canton.....	"
			Roman.....	418	Rome.....	"
			Smithfield.....	428	East Smithfield....	"



10	George S. Snyder.....	Williamsport, Lycoming Co.....	Le Raysville..... Dushore..... Temple..... Franklin..... ..... La Belle Valle..... Muncy..... Eureka..... Ivy..... Charity..... Mifflinburg..... La Fayette..... Adams..... Newport..... Pery..... Lewistown..... McVeytown..... Milroy..... Union..... Lambertown..... Cambria..... Summit..... Johnstown..... Mount Moriah..... Portage..... Mountain..... Juniata..... Logan..... Tyrone..... Bedford..... Everett..... Woodbury..... Elk.....	471 387 248 263 106 232 299 335 397 144 370 194 319 381 458 203 376 492 324 371 278 312 538 300 220 281 282 490 494 320 524 539 379	Le Raysville..... Dushore..... Tunkhannock..... Laceyville..... Williamsport..... Jersey Shore..... Muncy Borough..... Montoursville..... Williamsport..... Lewisburg..... Mifflinburg..... Selin's Grove..... New Bloomfield... Newport..... Marysville..... Lewistown..... McVeytown..... Milroy..... Mifflintown..... Thompsonstown..... Johnstown..... Ebensburg..... Johnstown..... Huntingdon..... Hollidaysburg..... Altoona..... Hollidaysburg..... Altoona..... Tyrone..... Bedford..... Everett Borough... Woodbury..... Ridgway.....	Bradford. Sullivan. Wyoming. " Lycoming. " " " " Union. " Snyder. Perry. " " Mifflin. " " " Juniata. " Cambria. " " " Huntingdon. Blair. " " " " Bedford. " " Elk.
11	John P. Clark.....	Newport, Perry Co.....				
12	Alexander M. Lloyd.....	Hollidaysburg, Blair Co.....				
13	John M. Clapp.....	Tidioute, Warren Co.....				

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14	Harrison T. Beardsley.....	Lock Haven, Clinton Co.....	North Star.....	241	Warren.....	Warren.
			Columbus.....	264	Columbus.....	"
			Temple.....	412	Tidioute.....	"
			Stillwater.....	547	Sugar Grove.....	"
			Bellefonte.....	268	Bellefonte.....	Centre.
			Moshannon.....	391	Phillipsburg.....	"
			Old Fort.....	537	Centre Hall.....	"
			Clearfield.....	314	Clearfield.....	Clearfield.
			Osceola.....	515	Osceola Borough ..	"
			La Fayette.....	199	Lock Haven.....	Clinton.
			Renovo.....	495	Renova.....	"
			Mahoning.....	243	New Castle.....	Lawrence.
			Lodge of the Craft...	433	"	"
			Sharon .....	250	Sharon.....	Mercer.
15	Matthias H. Henderson.....	Sharon, Mercer Co.....	Eureka.....	290	Greenville.....	"
			Kedron.....	389	West Middlesex...	"
			Adelphic.....	424	Jamestown.....	"
			Lake.....	434	Sandy Lake.....	"
			Sharpville.....	517	Sharpville. ....	"
			Rochester.....	229	Rochester .....	Beaver.
			Union.....	259	New Brighton.....	"
			Meridian.....	411	Darlington.....	"
			St. James.....	457	Beaver.....	"
			Beaver Valley.....	478	Beaver Falls.....	"
			Glasgow.....	485	Smith's Ferry.....	"
			Philanthropy .....	225	Greensburg.....	Westmoreland.
			Loyalhanna.....	275	Latrobe .....	"
16	Richard Coulter.....	Greensburg, Westmoreland Co...				





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18	Wm. B. Meredith.....	Kittanning, Armstrong Co.....	Duquesne.....	546	East Liberty.....	Allegheny.
			.....	548	Verona.....	"
			Clarion.....	277	Clarion.....	Clarion.
			Canby.....	520	St. Petersburg.....	"
			New Bethlehem.....	522	New Bethlehem...	"
			Edenburg.....	550	Edenburg.....	"
			Armstrong.....	239	Freeport.....	Armstrong.
			Kittanning.....	244	Kittanning.....	"
			Apollo.....	437	Apollo.....	"
			Parker City.....	521	Parker City.....	"
			Hobah.....	276	Brookville.....	Jefferson.
			John W. Jenks.....	534	Punxsutawney.....	"
			John M. Read.....	536	Reynoldsville.....	"
19	Frederick Whittlesey.....	Washington, Washington Co....	Washington.....	164	Washington.....	Washington.
			Chandler.....	237	Beallsville.....	"
			Chartiers.....	297	Canonsburg.....	"
			Henry M. Phillips...	337	Monongahela City.	"
			Claysville.....	447	Claysville.....	"
			Richard Vaux.....	454	Burgettstown.....	"
			Independence.....	488	Independence.....	"
			Waynesburg.....	153	Waynesburg.....	Greene.
			Clarksville.....	403	Clarksville.....	"
			Eureka.....	514	Steph. White's Mills	"
			Myrtle.....	316	Franklin.....	Venango.
			Petrolia.....	363	Oil City.....	"
			Fraternal.....	483	Rouseville.....	"
20	Charles W. Mackey.....	Franklin, Venango Co.....	Pleasantville.....	501	Pleasantville.....	"



21	Francis H. Foster.....	Meadville, Crawford Co.....	Allegheny Valley... Butler..... Harmony..... Argyle..... Crawford..... Western Crawford... Oil Creek..... Spartan..... ..... Shepherd..... Covenant..... Pine..... Bristol..... Doylestown..... Newtown..... Fort Washington... Friendship..... W. K. Bray..... Chester..... Geo. W. Bartram... L. H. Scott..... Fernwood..... Williamson..... West Chester..... Thomson..... Skerrett..... Oxford..... Goddard..... Howell..... Kennett..... New London..... Carbon..... Porter.....	552 272 429 540 234 258 303 372 408 463 473 498 25 245 427 308 400 410 236 298 352 543 309 322 340 343 353 383 405 475 545 242 284	Emlenton..... Butler..... Harmony..... Petrolia..... Meadville..... Conneautville..... Titusville..... Spartansburg..... Meadville..... Titusville..... Cambridge Boro'.. Linesville..... Bristol..... Doylestown..... Newtown..... Fort Washington... Jenkintown..... Hatboro'..... Chester..... Media..... Chester..... Fernwood..... Downingtown..... West Chester..... Green Tree..... Cochransville..... Oxford..... Coatesville..... Brookville..... Kennett Square.... New London..... Mauch Chunk..... Catasauqua.....	Venango. Butler. " " Crawford. " " " " " " " Bucks. " " Montgomery. " " Delaware. " " " Chester. " " " Chester. " " " Carbon. Lehigh.
22	George A. Jenks.....	Newtown, Bucks Co.....				
23	John Fountain.....	Chester, Delaware Co.....				
24	Thomas S. McNair.....	Hazleton, Luzerne Co.....				

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25	William Chatland.....	Brownsville, Fayette Co.....	Lehigh .....	326	Trexlerstown .....	Lehigh.
			Barger.....	333	Allentown.....	"
			Slatington.....	440	Slatington .....	"
			Saucon .....	469	Coopersburg .....	"
			Hazle.....	327	Hazleton.....	Luzerne.
			Brownsville.....	60	Brownsville.....	Fayette.
			Fayette.....	228	Uniontown .....	"
			Gummert .....	252	Fayette City.....	"
			King Solomon.....	346	Connelsville.....	"
			Valley.....	459	Masonstown.....	"
			Somerset.....	358	Somerset .....	Somerset.
			Meyersdale.....	554	Meyersdale.....	"
			Monongahela Valley.	461	Greenfield .....	Washington.
			Craft.....	329	Greensboro' .....	Greene.
			Western Star.....	304	Albion.....	Erie.
			Lake Erie.....	347	Girard.....	"
			Tyrian.....	362	Erie.....	"
			Corry.....	365	Corry .....	"
			Eureka.....	366	Union City.....	"
			Perry.....	392	Erie .....	"
			North East.....	399	North East.....	"
			Oasis.....	416	Edinboro' .....	"
			Waterford.....	425	Waterford.....	"
			Keystone .....	455	Erie .....	"
			Wattsburg.....	533	Wattsburg .....	"
27	Elbert P. Jones.....	Ariel, Wayne Co.....	Honesdale.....	218	Honesdale.....	Wayne.
			Hawley.....	305	Hawley .....	"









ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE,  
FOR THE YEAR 1879.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE :

The Right Worshipful GRAND MASTER, Brother MICHAEL NISBET, having duly appointed Right Worshipful Past Grand Master RICHARD VAUX, Brothers CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, of 67, GEO. BAKER, of 352, CHARLES D. FREEMAN, of 130, and HUBBARD B. PAYNE, of 395, *the Committee on Correspondence*, it now, by its chairman, asks leave to present this report.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania we offer to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodges of the Craft with which Masonic relations exist, the salutation of Masonic peace, harmony, fraternity. In those mystic ties of true Masonry we extend to them the assurance that their prosperity is dear to us, and we are strengthened in our Masonic duty by believing that they, with us, will hold fast to that faith which has enabled the true Craft to resist the encroachments which ever assail devotion to ancient and established truths.

These salutations have a deeper meaning than the mere

words express. Words are but the signs we use to make known the hidden significance which lies veiled in their combination. He only can interpret this significance who has been brought to the light in which he can behold the otherwise invisible.

Whatever is sacred, fundamental, indestructible, unalterable in the Masonic faith, existing since the earliest of days: and by the same faith, courage and virtue, in the generations to come, to live till the world shall roll away like a scroll: is contained in these hailings of the Craft. In the roar of the tempest of human strifes, or in the darkness of the ignorances and hates of peoples, the Masonic ear and eye can hear and see what these symbolic salutations intend to convey.

It is in this spirit we salute the Brethren. The inner life of the Freemason has the incidents and elements like unto his spiritual life. The latter may be known; the former can be by those who have the capacity to understand what Freemasonry creates, cultivates and cherishes.

Therefore, in these salutations, those who offer them and those to whom they are addressed should be animated alike with that unseen power which, like the electric current, vital, vigorous, and veiled in its own laws, communicates that mysterious meaning by the signs of words in human language which the Masonic heart and mind fully understand.

These, our salutations, are addressed to the Grand Lodges whose official proceedings in their communications, this Committee has examined, viz:

ALABAMA, . . . . .	1878	CALIFORNIA,. . . .	1878
ARKANSAS, . . . .	1878-9	CANADA, . . . . .	1878-9
BRITISH COLUMBIA,	1878-9	COLORADO, . . . .	1879



CONNECTICUT, . . . . .	1879	MONTANA, . . . . .	1878
CUBA, . . . . .	1878-9	NEBRASKA, . . . . .	1879
DELAWARE, . . . . .	1878	NEVADA, . . . . .	1879
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, . . . . .	1878	NEW BRUNSWICK, . . . . .	1878-9
ENGLAND, . . . . .	1879	NEW HAMPSHIRE, . . . . .	1878-9
FLORIDA, . . . . .	1879	NEW JERSEY, . . . . .	1878-9
GEORGIA, . . . . .	1878	NEW YORK, . . . . .	1879
IDAHO, . . . . .	1878-9	NORTH CAROLINA, . . . . .	1878
ILLINOIS, . . . . .	1879	NOVA SCOTIA, . . . . .	1877-8
INDIANA, . . . . .	1879	OHIO, . . . . .	1878-9
INDIAN TERRITORY, . . . . .	1878	OREGON, . . . . .	1878-9
IOWA, . . . . .	1879	PRINCE EDWARD Is., . . . . .	1878-9
KANSAS, . . . . .	1878	RHODE ISLAND, . . . . .	1878-9
KENTUCKY, . . . . .	1878	SCOTLAND, . . . . .	1879
LOUISIANA, . . . . .	1879	SOUTH CAROLINA, . . . . .	1878
MAINE, . . . . .	1879	TENNESSEE, . . . . .	1878
MANITOBA . . . . .	1878-9	TEXAS, . . . . .	1878
MARYLAND, . . . . .	1878-9	UTAH, . . . . .	1878
MASSACHUSETTS, . . . . .	1878	VIRGINIA, . . . . .	1878
MICHIGAN, . . . . .	1879	WASHINGTON TER., . . . . .	1879
MINNESOTA, . . . . .	1879	WEST VIRGINIA, . . . . .	1878
MISSISSIPPI, . . . . .	1879	WISCONSIN, . . . . .	1879
MISSOURI, . . . . .	1878-9	WYOMING, . . . . .	1878

It is a cause of congratulation that in all these Grand Lodges, as their Proceedings fully indicate, harmony and prosperity, vitality, earnest faith, and well regulated zeal mark their Masonic life. It is wonderful. But too little emphasis is given to the fidelity in which Masons abide by the teachings of the Craft. But too little acknowledgment is made of the earnest, sincere and devoted attachment the Craft evinces for the landmarks, usages and customs of the Fraternity. It is a source of intense gratification, as we

read the Proceedings of these Grand Lodges, to observe how these foundations of Freemasonry are maintained in their original characters. Innovations are rejected, as the household rejects the intrusion of evil which would destroy, which would drive the Lares and Penates out of the penetralia. Jealous of even the wisdom of the world, Freemasonry abides in a faith that needs neither the light of profane knowledge nor the adulterated essence of right judgment, which the world ignorantly worships, because it does not analyze its elements.

So long as this spirit lives and moves and has its being in the Craft, governing its action and testing its relations to these eternal standards, so long will Freemasonry be a law unto itself, so long will it be a light to illumine the darkness in human enlightenment, so long will it exist to benefit mankind.

There appear to be but one or two subjects as revealed in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges under our review that require special notice.

The most important of these subjects is the violation of Grand Lodge sovereignty.

On this threatening disturbance of the harmony of the Grand Lodges of the United States of America, we are among those who propose to express our opinion in the plainest possible language.

It has become a landmark in American Grand Lodges that the sovereign, the supreme power vested in each Grand Lodge, within its boundaries, is not only indisputable, but inviolable by any Masonic body. This is now the Masonic law of these Grand Lodges. It is a law of Freemasonry in the United States. These Grand Lodges intend to maintain and defend it against all attacks. Whatever the consequences



may be to those who openly or invidiously assail this doctrine, the American Grand Lodges will in neither jot nor tittle abate the bold, open, defiant defence of their supreme sovereignty. This is right. The fraternal relations between Grand Lodges can only be secured by the unqualified acceptance of this Masonic law "as a rule of action" commanding obedience. It would be useless to give examples of the evils, mischiefs, disturbances, discord and disruptions of harmonious accord between Grand Lodges, unless this Masonic law is inviolate.

It is not now to be considered what are Grand Lodges of the Craft, or when and how they acquired supreme sovereignty. They possess it, and claim the right to execute the law they assert, created it. It may have been the law of necessity, of geographical location, of devotion to the essential principles of Ancient Freemasonry, of order, harmony and fraternity, of the permanence of fraternal relations, or any other sufficient, paramount, or controlling reason—that matters now nothing. This law exists. This law has been recognized. This law has been accepted. All the Grand Lodges of the United States of America obey its intent and purpose. To disregard it because it may have grown out of either or all these reasons which may not be considered by some Grand Lodges of the Craft in other parts of the world as conclusive of its Masonic origin, an origin recognized as belonging to the teachings or usages of what is sometimes claimed to be and called "*universal*" Freemasonry, will not be permitted to those protesting Grand Bodies. This law we acknowledge. This law we obey. This law is a rule for our action. No Grand Lodge in the United States claims the right, however it may be justified by the supposed rule of universal Freemasonry, to violate the jurisdic-

tion of any, of even these protesting Grand Bodies. No one would attempt to charter subordinate Lodges within the boundaries of those protesting bodies. The self-denial of this right by our Grand Lodges, their determined opposition to its exercise by any Grand Lodge within the jurisdiction of either of our Grand Lodges in the United States, destroys even the semblance of the rule of universality on which the Masonic jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge is invaded.

The theory that the universality of Freemasonry carries with it the right of a Grand Lodge to establish its Lodges anywhere, is limited to territory over which no sovereign Masonic authority exists. Else the effort to maintain the theory of the universality of Masonry would destroy it. When in such territory, Lodges by whomsoever of the Craft constituted, agree to create a supreme sovereign Masonic authority, and it is set up, duly and lawfully, and is recognized as a creation of Masonic power by competent Masonic authority, then it is supreme and sovereign. Then it has all the functions and capacities of sovereignty. Possessing these, it must exercise them. The first duty enjoined on such a Grand Lodge is to require obedience from all subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction. This it must enforce. It would not be *perfect in all its parts* if it permitted its power to be questioned or defied by Lodges in the territory over which it declared itself supreme.

Subordinate Lodges owning allegiance to the body that constituted them were only constituted because they acknowledged allegiance to a superior Masonic power. Then there was no other superior to which they could render homage but that which presented them their charters. It was their allegiance to the highest Masonic authority they could recognize—it was their creator.



Now a sovereign Masonic authority exists in the territory where these subordinate Lodges were located. The conflict which is created by such subordinates continuing their allegiance to a body that has no existence as a Masonic authority in that territory, where a sovereign Grand Lodge does exist, would destroy all idea of supreme and subordinate characteristics and relations. It would make Masonic chaos. It would, if permitted, destroy Masonic harmony, and totally wipe out this "universality of Freemasonry," that is relied on for its justification. But the time for this line of argument has gone by in the United States. The American Grand Lodges will not tolerate or permit any such violations of their Masonic sovereign supreme authority. This ends all argument. It would be wiser therefore for those Grand Lodges outside of the United States to try and understand the spirit which actuates the Grand Lodges in the United States in their determined denial of the right to violate their supreme authority. We assert, we think, the universal determination of the American Grand Lodges to resist each, every, and all efforts to set up Lodges of the Craft within their jurisdiction by any authority other than their own.

Pennsylvania would feel justified in defence of her sovereignty to do any act that prudence and a courageous determination would sanction. She could do no more than this in support of any of her sister Grand Lodges who are contending for its Masonic independence. When a territory is open to the settlement by competent Masonic power of Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, no one Grand Lodge has exclusive, prior, or preëmption rights. When three or more Lodges so constituted, and located in this territory, agree to form a Grand Lodge, with notice to all, and such Grand

Lodge is lawfully and duly set up, and recognized as such Grand Lodge, she then becomes supreme and sovereign. To her attaches the sovereignty which duly warranted and lawfully constituted and located the subordinate Lodges before she was set up. It is then the duty, the Masonic duty, the obedience to the law of Masonry, which is its own law, for each of the Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to surrender their original charters to the power which granted them, and accept charters from the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, and become faithful devoted children of the Masonic Mother.

It may be said that there is no analogy for such a course in universal Masonry in the affairs of the profane world. That "universal Masonry" contains within its theoretic doctrine the very certain incident of its destruction we cannot admit. That is preposterous either in theory or practice, for the practical attempt to carry it out would produce fractions of this universal rule, if it was ever either a theory or a rule, which we deny. The experience in Masonry, the traditions of centuries, the very principle of obedience, the subordination to ancient methods of procedure, the causes which have made Masonry a law unto itself, are unanswerable reasons why this new interpretation of an unrecognized theory was never formulated into even a precept.

The principle of Masonic law we have thus enunciated, as governing the Masonic relations between Grand Lodge and the Craft, are applied to all cases in which it is violated.

If our sister Grand Lodges will give expression to their opinion thus, in advance of application for Masonic intercourse on this accepted principle, bodies claiming to be Grand Lodges will know what are the essential prerequisites to their acknowledgment as Grand Lodges of Free and



Accepted Masons by the Grand Lodges and the Craft in the United States of America.

These remarks are here presented as prefatory to our consideration of the position taken by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Scotland in its present relations with the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Quebec.

To make clear the character of these relations, it may be observed as a historical résumé of the case that as we read the facts :

The Grand Lodge of Canada was organized in the year 1855, when Lodges were at work under warrants from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, in the territory over which it claimed jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of Canada was recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but with the stipulation that the Scotch Lodges might, if they should so elect, continue to work subordinate to Scotland. This was a *conditional* recognition, which Canada *accepted*. The British Parliament in the year 1867 divided Canada into two *quasi* independent provinces, Ontario and Quebec. The result was that a sufficient number of Lodges in the province of Quebec, 21 Lodges out of 37, in 1869 lawfully organized the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and it was, in process of time, generally recognized by the Grand Lodges of the United States.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland also recognized Quebec, and *without any stipulation*. Then there was one Lodge of Scotch constitution, Elgin Lodge, of Montreal, in the territory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which had been independent of the old Grand Lodge of Canada, and claimed the same status with reference to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. This Quebec denied on two grounds ; that the Grand Lodge of Quebec had been fraternally and unconditionally recognized

by Elgin's mother Grand Lodge of Scotland, and that under the Masonic law of Grand Lodge sovereignty generally recognized on the continent of North America, and popularly known as the "American doctrine," aside from any recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, no subordinate Lodge in the territorial jurisdiction of Quebec could continue lawfully at work, unless it resigned its Scotch warrant, and accepted one from the new local Grand Lodge. But, further, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Scotland has lately, as we learn, constituted other Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and, also set up a Provincial Grand Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

It therefore appears that the Grand Lodge of Scotland claims to exercise and does exercise jurisdiction within the territorial limits of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. This is a violation of the Masonic law of which we have spoken. It must not be submitted to. We protest against it.

While the Committee feels great respect for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and has but lately opened Masonic relations with her, we are constrained to utter our earnest, solemn protest against this signal, unjustifiable and unwarranted violation of the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. In all kindness, in the bonds of Masonry, in love and respect, in the spirit of long-suffering and kindness, we invoke the Grand Lodge of Scotland to yield her own judgment, and to modify her action, to accept the entreaties of the Grand Lodges of the United States and withdraw her sanction of the insubordination which her Lodges are producing in the Craft. We ask the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland to take suitable occasion to bring these views before that Grand Lodge, and



in the spirit of fraternal regard, and the amenities of Masonic intercourse, to urge them on the serious attention of our Brethren in Scotland. To make our appeal more earnest, we take this last occasion to refer to it in the language of entreaty. If the Grand Lodge of Scotland insists on the position she now holds, this Committee will be forced by the rigor of consistency and the devotion to the Masonic law we have asserted to be obligatory on us, as it is on all the Grand Lodges of the United States, promptly to ask the dissolution of all Masonic intercourse between the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Scotland. This is not offered either as menace or compulsion, but only to show that we have felt it our duty in again making this appeal to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to accompany it with the assurance that it is final on this question.

The differences that exist on the same general principle between the so-called Grand Lodge of Dakota and the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and between the so-called Grand Lodge of New Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Missouri, forbid our now acknowledging either Dakota or New Mexico as supreme and sovereign Grand Lodges of Freemasons.

As to the position of the body calling itself the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, we cannot consent yet to regard it as other than untenable, according to the principles of Masonic law. It has not the complete character of a Grand Lodge, and until it makes its record perfect, we cannot recognize it as a Grand Lodge.

There is one other subject on which we feel it a duty to say a single word.

The autonomy of Lodges subordinate to Grand Lodges is of much Masonic interest. The appeals of suspended or expelled members, or others, from the action of subordinate

Lodges to the Grand Lodge in their respective cases, is becoming a custom in Masonic jurisprudence, a rule rather than the exception. It is a serious matter both to the rights and powers of subordinate Lodges over their members, and the management of Lodge business, and the responsibility of these Lodges to the supreme authority.

So long as a subordinate Lodge adheres to the constitution, rules, regulations, edicts, landmarks, usages and customs of the Craft, and obeys their directions, and conducts the trials of its members by rules prescribed, we think the subordinate Lodge is not answerable to the Grand Lodge for its action. There are some supreme capacities even in subordinate Lodges. If appeals are taken to the Grand Lodge, and the record is properly and fully made up, as it ought to be in every appeal, and it appears to the Grand Lodge Committee on Appeals that the Lodge has acted lawfully and in conformity with all Masonic requirements in the case, the Grand Lodge should not interfere with the action of the subordinate Lodge. The sovereign power is safest when it is only exercised within limitations which confine it to its appropriate sphere of action. Centralizing power in representative systems is a dangerous experiment. Let the subordinate Lodge understand its duties; let the members recognize their allegiance and responsibility to the Lodge; let the Grand Lodge foster and support the due and proper action of Lodges in their own business, so that when occasion requires the sovereign Grand Lodge to act, it asserts its right, but awakens neither jealousy of nor repugnance to its prerogatives.

It is part of Wisdom never unnecessarily to weaken the devotion or the allegiance of subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, and the less therefore the Grand Lodge inter-



feres with the expressed will or opinion of subordinate Lodges on matters that are, or ought to be, exclusively within the cognizance of subordinate Lodges themselves, the securer and stronger will be the tie, the five-fold cord, that binds the members of the body to the law of its life.

We cannot fail to be impressed with the Masonic respect and fraternal regard which all our sister Grand Lodges express, by their Committees on Foreign Correspondence, for not only the Right Worshipful Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, but also for the Masonic Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

There is a sentiment of fraternal confidence in the conservative Masonic action and opinion of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which is manifest in all the utterances that we find in Reports of Committees of Foreign Correspondence.

So sensibly do we feel this, that the expression of our gratification seems so in harmony with our feelings that to withhold it would be injustice to ourselves. Brethren, it will be our earnest desire so to perform our duty as that the links in the chain of unity that bind us shall not be ever incrustated by even the cold, damp atmosphere of Masonic unsympathy.

Having thus expressed what at this time seems to be appropriate, we take up the "Proceedings" and "Transactions" of our sister Grand Lodges, trusting that no word we have written will be cause of stumbling or offence to any.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master NISBET has transmitted to this Committee a paper addressed to him by certain persons assembled in New Orleans on the 17th of November, 1879, purporting to be the officers of some clandestine, revolutionary and self-styled "The Grand Orient of Louisiana," asking recognition as a body claiming to be Masonic. We

have in this case deviated from the rule as to such communications, and take notice of this most extraordinary paper.

Our only purpose is to denounce this body, its purposes and proceedings. We take this early opportunity to warn the Craft in the United States to lose no time in condemning it, as wholly unworthy of other than stern denunciation. The paper signed under pretentious titles, and containing the most revolutionary doctrines, emanates we fear from persons who desire to create discord, and seek to assail the established principles of true Freemasonry.

It looks as though it was an effort of the body called The Grand Orient of France, to use this instrument to inculcate the doctrines of that Grand Orient in this country. Be its purpose or object what it may, we denounce it. It is our earnest hope that the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Louisiana will promptly expose its real intent. We feel it our duty at once thus to characterize this most extraordinary proceeding, and to invite our Brethren, the Chairmen of Committees on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodges of the United States, to be warned against this, as we think, insidious attack on Freemasonry in this country.

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## ALABAMA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fifty-eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at the city of Montgomery, December 2, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.



Five Past Grand Masters were present. The Address of the Right Worshipful Grand Master refers, in the main, to subjects of domestic interest. The Grand Master alludes to the proclamation of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec with reference to the Grand Lodge of Scotland infringing the jurisdiction of Quebec, and also the action of the so-called Grand Orient of France. As to the latter he earnestly and eloquently records his protest.

There is a special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by Worshipful Brother OLIVER S. BEERS, Chairman. It refers to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. Also as to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, the consideration of which he asked to be postponed. And also as to the violation of the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which the report emphatically condemns.

The Grand Lodge referred to a Special Committee (Brother PALMER J. PILLANS, Chairman) the subject of the Grand Orient of France, and that Committee reported a resolution forbidding any Masonic recognition of any of its members, which was unanimously adopted.

The Annual Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, refers to Pennsylvania, Proceedings, 1877, notices Grand Master CLARK's address, and speaks very kindly of our report on Foreign Correspondence. We thank Worshipful Brother BEERS. Brother HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG was re-elected Grand Master, and Brother HENRY SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

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## ARKANSAS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-ninth Annual Grand Communication held at Little Rock, October 14, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother E. H. ENGLISH, Past Grand Master, acting as Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother LUKE E. BARBER, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge was called to Refreshment until the second Tuesday of January, 1879. We observe that the Grand Lodge was "*adjourned over*". This hardly squares with the ancient work. As we understand it, Grand Bodies never adjourn, but are *closed over*.

On January 14, 1879, the Grand Lodge was called to Labor. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN F. HALL, Grand Master; Brother BARBER, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master's Address contains nothing to notice. The Committee of Education on St. John's College report that the College was intended for males, but they have let females in. We do not know whether the male students have to take the *Master's* degree, nor do we suppose it unlikely that the female students will be compelled to take the Eastern Star degree. Why not Western?

The Grand Orator's address is very classic. He cites Frederick of Prussia, Draco, and Lycurgus.

There is a special report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. It recognizes the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. The Annual Report of the Committee is from the pen of Worshipful Brother GEORGE E. DODGE. We agree cheerfully to the remarks under the head "Conclusion" of his report, except so much as describes his opinion of his own work. He has no need to ask any indulgence. If there is anything imperfect in the report, it is that Pennsylvania is not noticed.

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at Victoria, February 16, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother FREDERICK WILLIAMS, Grand Master, and Very Worshipful Brother ELI HARRISON, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address has no general significance, except so much of it as relates to the Grand Lodge of Cuba,



communications from which he sent to the Board of General Purposes to be acted upon. This Board elected a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

A Special Communication was held on April 20, 1878, at Victoria, called for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at the city of Victoria. Another Special Communication was held on October 28, 1878, for the purpose of dedicating the said Masonic Temple. The Grand Master's address at the dedication was very appropriate.

The Eighth Annual Grand Communication was held at Victoria, June 21, 1879. The Board of General Purposes reported that they thought they had better send the cases of the Grand Lodge of Cuba and the so-called Grand Lodge of Colon back to the Grand Lodge to be acted on. The Board of General Purposes accepts the suggestion of the Grand Master in his address to the Grand Lodge on June 21, 1879, which defers the recognition of either Grand Lodge for the present. The Board regards the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in chartering Lodges in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as very reprehensible.

Most Worshipful Brother ELI HARRISON, having been elected Grand Master in February, 1878, was re-elected Grand Master on June 21, 1879, and Very Worshipful Brother EDGAR CROW BAKER was elected Grand Secretary. The Grand Lodge deeply regrets the action of the Grand Orient of France, severs all relations with it, and directs a copy of its action to be sent to that Grand Orient. There is no report from any Committee of Correspondence.

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## CALIFORNIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twenty-ninth Annual Grand Communication held at San Francisco, October 8, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN MILLS BROWNE, Grand Master,

and Right Worshipful Brother ALEX. G. ABELL, Grand Secretary.

There were seven Past Grand Masters present. The Grand Master's address, which he calls "a third annual message," was delivered, and we should be pleased to quote largely from its opening paragraph. He deals with principles and facts as a master workman. Worshipful Brother WM. H. HILL, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the Annual Report of that Committee, the reading of which was dispensed with, as each Brother had been furnished with a printed copy. The work of our Brother was severe. It is an elaborate, thorough and able report. Brother HILL's notice of Pennsylvania, like all he writes, sparkles in the sunshine as the auriferous outcrops on the surface show the lead that is below. We do not deserve half that has been said of us, but Pennsylvania deserves all that has been said of her. We think we can accept, with a clear Masonic conscience, every word our esteemed Brother HILL says of our worthy Brother CALDWELL of Ohio. If it were our custom to make extracts from the reports of our Brethren of the Committees on Foreign Correspondence, we would excerpt out of Brother HILL's labor its largest portion, but we must content ourselves with expressing our admiration of his ability as a writer and as a Mason.

Right Worshipful Brother JNO. MILLS BROWNE, M.D., was re-elected Grand Master, and Brother A. G. ABELL, Grand Secretary.

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## CANADA.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communications of Grand Lodge, held at Brighton, October 10, 1877; Yorksville, March 29, 1878; Norwood, May 17, 1878; Landsdown, June 13, 1878; and Blythe, June 24, 1878; and the Twenty-third Annual Grand Communication, held at Toronto, September 11,



1878. Most Worshipful Brother W. H. WELLER, Grand Master. Very Worshipful Brother J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary.

The purpose of the first Special Communication was to lay the corner-stone of a Methodist Episcopal Church, Right Worshipful E. J. MENET, Grand Master; Very Worshipful BERNARD SAUNDERS, as Grand Secretary. The purpose of the second Special Communication was to dedicate the new Masonic Temple at Yorkville. At the next Special Communication Right Worshipful E. PELOW, D. D. Grand Master, acted as Grand Master, and Right Worshipful J. A. BUTTERFIELD, as Grand Secretary. It was called for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a Presbyterian Church. At the next Special Communication Right Worshipful Brother JAMES A. HENDERSON, Q. C., D. Grand Master, acted as Grand Master, and Brother JAMES SHANNON, as Grand Secretary. It was called for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Church of England. At the next Special Communication, Right Worshipful Brother JAS. H. BENSON was acting Grand Master, and Brother JOHN VARCOE, as Grand Secretary. It was held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of Trinity Episcopal Church.

The Twenty-third Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge was held September 11, 1878, at Toronto, Most Worshipful Brother WM. H. WELLER, Grand Master, on the throne; Right Worshipful Brother J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary. Thirty-five Grand Lodges were represented by their Grand Representatives, including Pennsylvania.

The Grand Master in his address referred to the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and knowing something of this sort of trouble, as the Grand Lodge of Canada has had experience in other days, it does not desire to interfere, or express any opinion in regard to it. It defers the recognition of either Cuba or Colon. It condemns the Grand Orient of France, and asks for the emphatic condemnation by the Grand Lodge.

The Board of General Purposes cuts off communication

with the Grand Orient of France. There is no report from a Committee of Correspondence, of which there appears to be none. We think if the Grand Lodge of Canada would simplify their business, it would be more interesting to those uninitiated in its peculiar form of proceedings. But we only make this remark—we have no right to do more.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication held at Owen Sound, July 1, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother WM. H. WELLER, Grand Master; Brother J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary.

The object of the Communication was to lay the cornerstone of the County High School.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Grand Communication was held at Kingston, September 10th, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother W. H. WELLER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary. There is nothing in the Proceedings of this Communication that requires any special notice.

A pamphlet copy appended to the Proceedings of 1878, containing the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence has also been received. This is separate and distinct from the pamphlet copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge above noticed. This report is from the pen of Worshipful Brother HENRY ROBERTSON, Chairman, and is dated December 17, 1878. It contains a review of fifty-nine Grand Lodges. It appears to be made up chiefly of extracts from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges to which it refers, and as an example of this remark, in referring to Pennsylvania, our Right Worshipful Brother gives us twelve lines of *original remark*, and then pages of extracts from our Proceedings of 1877. We are in a quandary as we read, whether to commend our Brother for his ability in selecting, or his modesty in refusing to become himself an author—we incline to the latter, for his selections show his ability for the faithful discharge of his high duties, and we trust hereafter that we shall have the benefit of his own views upon the interesting questions that come under his observation.



## COLORADO.

A PAMPHLET copy of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for 1879 is before us, without a copy of any Proceedings of this Grand Lodge. Unless we are mistaken, the printer of this report is our authority for the fact, Right Worshipful Brother E. H. COLLINS, "for the Committee," is the author of this report. We have read it understandingly, as we believe, until we came to the reference to Pennsylvania, when so much of our esteemed Brother COLLINS's remarks as refers to us is utterly unintelligible, unless some apprentice entered into the composing-room of our printer, so raised the printer's devil, who possibly was in the same department, that LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF became CHARLES GRISWOLD. If that be so, then it is not to be wondered at that the myth of the types, the said GRISWOLD, does not belong to the jurisdiction of Colorado. We are not good at making excuses, explanations or apologies, but we do think the above *raison d'être* is a fair specimen of this department of "the royal art." Brother COLLINS's report is very interesting, and if it is Brother COLLINS who is the author of the report, and *does* belong to the jurisdiction of Colorado, we beg him to accept the assurance of our fraternal regard.

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CONNECTICUT.

PROCEEDINGS of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut: Ninety-first Annual Report. The Ninety-first Annual Grand Communication was held at New Haven, January 15, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother DWIGHT PHELPS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother Jos. K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master delivered his address, in which he refers to Cuba and Scotland, and has nothing else that is of

general interest. The Committee of Jurisprudence reported three resolutions upon the subject of Scotland and Quebec, insisting upon the observance of the principle of the exclusive territorial jurisdiction of Grand Lodges, and refuses "to recognize as regular Masons those who have received degrees in Lodges not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge legally established and duly recognized by this Grand Lodge over the territory in which said Lodges are situated." As to the Grand Lodge of Cuba and the so-called Grand Lodge of Colon, the Committee requested the matter continued until the next Annual Grand Communication.

The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our esteemed Brother JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary, a clear, clever, concise, convincing paper. His notice of Pennsylvania is entitled to our grateful acknowledgments.

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## CUBA.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication of Grand Lodge, held April 25, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE GONZALES AMADOR, Grand Master. Right Worshipful Brother ALMEIDA, Grand Secretary. Another Special Communication was held May 9, 1878. A Quarterly Communication was held from the 23d to the 29th of June, 1878. A Special Communication was held on July 14, 1878. At this Communication Right Worshipful Brother BIENVENIDO HERMANDEZ, *Gran Primer Vigalante*, presided, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary offered their resignations, and Brother FERMIN VALDES DOMINGUES was elected Grand Secretary. There was another Special Communication July 16, 1878. A continuation of the Quarterly Communication was held September 29, 1878, also October 6, 1878. A Quarterly Communication was held December 29, 1878. A Special Communication was held



January 5, 1879. The Second Annual Grand Communication was held March 23, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother JUAN BAUTISTA HERMANDEZ was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother AURELIO ALMEIDA, Grand Secretary.

It appears from the proceedings of these several communications that the Grand Lodge of Cuba is consolidating its power and adjusting its laws. It is not to be wondered at that this Grand Lodge has had difficulties in its way, which seem now to be removed, and it is taking its position among the Grand Lodges, and entitling itself to their fraternal regards. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Brother ENRIQUE A. LECERFF, Chairman of Committee. It is a most creditable production, and we trust our Brother will, as he continues to hold this important trust, become more and more familiar with its duties. The notice of Pennsylvania is of our Proceedings of 1876, 1877 and 1878. We welcome these Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Cuba for 1878-9, and regard them as in every respect conformable to the standard of such publications of other Grand Lodges. We beg to salute the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and especially the Chairman of its Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with our fraternal regards.

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## DELAWARE.

PROCEEDINGS of Seventy-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Wilmington, October 2, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother THOS. N. WILLIAMS, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM S. HAYS, Grand Secretary.

The address of Grand Master WILLIAMS is an earnest paper. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN TAYLOR was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. S. HAYS, was re-elected Grand Secretary. We notice in these Proceed-

ings a special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, signed by Brothers JOSEPH W. H. WATSON and CHARLES C. KING, which was presented, and on motion the Committee was directed to print its general report in the published Proceedings (which, by the by, we do not find in the pamphlet before us). The special report refers to the Grand Orient of France, and cuts off all communication with it.

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### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

PROCEEDINGS of the stated Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Washington, D. C., January 9, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother E. G. DAVIS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WM. R. SINGLETON, Grand Secretary. Also of the Annual Grand Communication held November 13, 1878. Same Grand Officers.

The Grand Master's address refers to the departed Brethren, Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters of other jurisdictions, and appropriately speaks of their labors. Brother HORACE A. WHITNEY was elected Grand Master, and Brother SINGLETON was re-elected Grand Secretary. Brother WHITNEY, at his installation, delivered a short address.

The Report of the Committee of Correspondence is by Brother WM. R. SINGLETON, Chairman. Brother SINGLETON is a careful reader, and he seems to have taken out of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges, which he has reviewed, a great deal of valuable information. We commend highly the spirit with which he undertakes his work, but living in the federal capital, surrounded by the immense structures which are the seats of federal authority, walking on its broad highways, becoming familiar with its magnificent distances, and charmed at the magnificent expanse of water of the noble Potomac, we do not wonder that in his concluding remarks he thus writes: "We now hope, within a



short period, to get our leading Masons up to the idea of a 'Convention' in this, or some other city, to adopt some general uniform code for the whole country on Masonic law and practice." By what process our esteemed Brother proposes to "get our leading Masons up to the idea," we do not know. The only way that suggests itself to us is to adopt the mechanical agencies which put the copestone on the great Pyramid. We fear that no other human power, even if it be Masonic, will elevate "leading Masons" to so lofty a pinnacle. For ourselves, not being a "leading Mason," we can never consent that the York work, the ancient Pennsylvania work, what we believe to be the truest work of the Craft, shall ever be despoiled by a spirit of novelty and innovation, of grand and lofty ideas which such a "Convention" would most likely legislate, as modern, progressive and intelligent work. The grand scheme of our esteemed Brother we therefore attribute to the influence of those surroundings to which we have referred. Our esteemed Brother SINGLETON's report is so good as even to warrant this pleasantly intended jest at his concluding remarks.

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## ENGLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication held at London June 4, 1879. Right Worshipful MONTAGUE JOHN GUEST, Provincial Grand Master for Dorsetshire, as Grand Master. Very Worshipful Brother JOHN HERVEY, Grand Secretary. There is nothing else in these Proceedings that requires notice.

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## FLORIDA.

PROCEEDINGS of Fiftieth Annual Grand Communication, held at Jacksonville, January 21, 1879. Most Worshipful

Brother W. A. McLEAN, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.

We notice in this, as in many of the Proceedings under review, the large number of representatives of other Grand Bodies who were present at these Communications. We strongly commend that portion of the Grand Master's address which refers to Masonry in general. A Special Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Right Worshipful Brother D. C. DAWKINS, Chairman Committee of Foreign Correspondence, on the subject of Cuba, Mexico and New South Wales. As to New South Wales, it seems by the report that a number of the Lodges there have formed a Grand Lodge, but that the Grand Lodge of Scotland objects, on the ground of alleged irregularities. As to Cuba, the report does not appear to recommend any action. The Grand Lodge of the Territory of New Mexico was recognized. The report also explains the author's view of the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Scotland. There is no other report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

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## GEORGIA.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninety-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Macon, on October 29, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother JAMES M. MOBLEY, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, Grand Secretary.

The address of Grand Master MOBLEY refers to foreign relations, and to the domestic affairs of his Grand Lodge, introduced by some admirable remarks worthy of his position and his duty.

An Occasional Grand Lodge was convened at Macon, April 26, 1878, to lay the foundation of a monument in honor of the Confederate dead, Grand Master MOBLEY presiding. A Called Communication was held May 30, 1878, at Monroe,



to lay the corner-stone of a Methodist Episcopal Church, Right Worshipful JAMES W. L. SMITH acting as Grand Master. An Occasional Communication was held at Gainesville, July 4, 1878, for the laying of the corner-stone of a Baptist Female Seminary, Most Worshipful Brother J. E. REDWINE, acting Right Worshipful Grand Master.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is reported by the Committee, without signature or name. From the Proceedings of the session of October 30, 1878, we learn that a special report on the Grand Orient of France was offered by Brother SAMUEL LAWRENCE for the Committee. That report presents two resolutions condemning the Grand Orient of France, repudiates all intercourse with it, and forbids all Masonic intercourse with persons hailing from it. We therefore assume that the general report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our esteemed Brother LAWRENCE, but that he was too modest to sign it. Brother LAWRENCE's general report is an exceedingly well-digested review of the Grand Lodges under his notice. We confess that we are impressed with the aptness of his extracts as well as with his discrimination. We thank him for what he says of Pennsylvania, and we commend in the highest degree every word of the admirable "Conclusion" with which he ends it.

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## IDAHO.

PROCEEDINGS of the Eleventh Annual Grand Communication held at Boise City, September 10, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother E. A. STEVENSON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES HIMROD, Grand Secretary.

The Craft will endorse the opening remarks of the Grand Master in his address, and its pertinence to the jurisdiction appears to be plainly evident. The credentials of the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba near the Grand

Lodge of Idaho were presented, and he was duly recognized.

The Report of the Committee of Correspondence is the work of Worshipful Brother A. HEED, Chairman, and we are glad to find it occupies more than half the volume of printed proceedings. This precedent of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Idaho in preparing its Proceedings for the Craft generally, is worthy of thoughtful consideration. We are rather inclined to think that the Proceedings of a Right Worshipful Grand Lodge which have in them matter for the information of the other Grand Lodges, might well circumscribe the limits of their publication, while the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, if it has no other virtue or value, by its notice of its sister Grand Lodges tends to keep the chain, the links of which are the ties which bind the Craft together, bright in the lustre of Masonic sympathy and fraternity. But to return to the Report of our Brother HEED, of Idaho. The only regret we have to offer as to this report, is that we have not had the advantage of his review.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twelfth Annual Grand Communication, held at Boise City, September 9, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother E. A. STEVENSON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES HIMROD, Grand Secretary.

The pamphlet before us contains a reprint of the First Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge, held in 1868, which is very interesting.

The address of the Right Worshipful Grand Master is an excellent production, and the remarks he makes as to the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry are most admirable, and should receive the commendation of every member of the Craft. His reference to the Grand Orient of France is earnest, just and beautiful. We trust that the recommendation of the Grand Master as to institutions of learning, will yet meet with the cordial support of his Grand Lodge. The spirit which seems to actuate the Craft in Idaho will



work out for it a high destiny in that portion of our beloved country. Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES HIMROD was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother L. F. CARTEE, Grand Secretary.

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## ILLINOIS.

PROCEEDINGS of Fortieth Annual Grand Communication held at Chicago, October 7, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother THEO. Y. GURNEY, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN F. BURRILL, Grand Secretary.

The address of Most Worshipful Grand Master GURNEY lacks the ability and sparkle of his report as Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence. It is, however, a clear statement of his duties in the Chair, and of the condition of the Craft in his jurisdiction. We admit that to overlook seven hundred Lodges is indeed an "anxious oversight," and we endorse cordially the expressions he makes as to ethical Masonry; but we are not prepared to admit that virtue even can make possible the brotherhood of man, though it may aid the unregenerate heart in aspiring to the fatherhood of God. Without maintaining or rejecting the idea of our Most Worshipful Brother as to virtue and the brotherhood of man, we think the antecedent inquiries as to what is "virtue," and what is the "brotherhood of man" must be first determined. If we are to accept Aristotle's view of "virtue," and admit that it means what he intended to convey by the term, then we are to ascertain what "brotherhood" means. The broad signification of "brotherhood" we do not accept, as including all mankind, because there is a proportion of what are called human beings that can never be comprised in this "brotherhood," so that the term itself loses its significance. The true "brotherhood of man" comprises, then, the lesser number of human beings, and must necessarily exclude that other por-

tion from what is called the "brotherhood." We do not intend to say this is Most Worshipful Brother GURNEY'S view; we prefer to interpret his words thus: That the Masonic virtues can only make possible a true fraternity of men who adoringly worship God the Father, which emphatically defines who are Freemasons, whatever other sorts and conditions of men it may describe.

The Grand Master's reference to the Masonic relations of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec we accept as the true Masonic doctrine, and give the following action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois on that subject:

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

In conformity with the resolution adopted by Grand Lodge last year, published on page 107 of the proceedings, I (Grand Secretary) addressed the following communication to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, sending a copy of the same to all Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal communication:

"OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, }  
"GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, F. AND A. M. }

*"To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Free and Accepted Masons:*

"At the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, Free and Accepted Masons, held in the city of Chicago on the 1st, 2d and 3d days of October, A. D. 1878, A. L. 5878, the following resolutions, presented by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, were unanimously adopted, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Illinois, jealous alike of her Sovereign power and that of her sister Grand Lodges, hereby declare, that the unwarranted action of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Scotland in invading the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec by planting two Lodges within the limits of her territory, as conceded to the Grand Lodge of Quebec by all the Grand Lodges of North America (with one exception), should receive such action on the



part of the Grand Lodge of Illinois as the importance of the case demands ; and be it further

“ *Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Illinois is hereby requested to issue, as soon as practicable, his edict notifying all the constituent Lodges under his jurisdiction of the facts in the case, and interdicting all further Masonic communication with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and all individual Masons owing allegiance thereto.

“ *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to notify the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and all other Grand Lodges with whom we are in communication, of the action above recited.

“ In accordance with the instructions of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript from the records.

“ Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge, at Springfield, this 15th day of October, A. D. 1878, A. L. 5878.

“ JOHN F. BURRILL,  
“ *Grand Secretary.*”

In response I received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland the following letter :

“ GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND, }  
“ FREEMASONS' HALL, EDINBURGH, Jan. 4, 1879. } ”

“ *John F. Burrill, Esq., Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Illinois :*

“ RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :—I beg to acknowledge receipt of printed circular addressed to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It has pleased your Grand Lodge to ‘ interdict all further Masonic communication with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and all individual Masons owing allegiance thereto.’

“ The Grand Lodge of Scotland was in active operation a century prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and there is no reason to believe that its position will be at all affected by any interdict of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

“ I beg to thank you for a copy of Proceedings for 1878.

“ Yours, faithfully, D. MURRAY LYON.”

We have nothing to add to this at present, except to invite the attention of our Most Worshipful Brother JOSEPH ROBBINS, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, to that item of Masonic chronology in the reply of the Grand Secretary of Scotland which pusillanimously shifts the real issue to the dignity of age from the organization of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to that of Scotland.

We are gratified to see that Grand Master GURNEY has been re-elected Grand Master, and Brother BURRILL also re-elected Grand Secretary.

We now come to the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence from the pen of Past Grand Master ROBBINS. It is a thorough report in its reviews of Grand Lodges under view. We admire his acceptance of the standard of such reports which Grand Master GURNEY and he have made most remarkable. It better suits its true description by calling it a digest of the action of the Grand Lodges, and its value in this respect is acknowledged. We are not aware that we have given occasion to our Most Worshipful Brother to dip his pen in diluted gall in speaking of Pennsylvania. There is an asperity in the tone of his reference to our jurisdiction which pains us. So long as Pennsylvania and her Grand Master violate neither custom, nor usage, nor Landmark of the Fraternity, neither our esteemed Brother, nor any other Chairman of Foreign Correspondence has any cause to interfere. It concerns our Craft only, and while we smile at the criticisms, we desire most emphatically to condemn the spirit in which they are made. Whatever any other Grand Lodge may see fit to do, or not to do, on these subjects criticised, is no concern of ours. If the Landmarks are preserved, maintained and defended, if insubordination anywhere is obliterated, if the harmony of the Craft is secured, it does not lie within the province of the pen of any critic to discuss the relations between the Craft and its supreme sovereign Masonic authority to which it owes allegiance. We fain would believe, and we do believe, that our Most Worshipful Brother ROBBINS



was led into this line of thought in reviewing Pennsylvania inadvertently. This we most cheerfully admit is our belief. This jurisdiction tries to give so little cause for animadversion that the effort to make mountains out of mole hills may be excused. As to our Most Worshipful Brother's reference to ourself, personally, we take no exception; on the contrary we earnestly invite criticism. To us it is indifferent how it may be clothed. It may be "*sui generis*," but we doubt if any Brother will say it is pusillanimous. What we say is earnest, sincere and actuated by no other motive than devotion to Freemasonry. Among "the least of these our Brethren," we arrogate nothing for ourself, nor do we pretend that Pennsylvania Masonry is even a "somewhat oracular personage." That Pennsylvania has led the way in announcing the doctrine of Masonic sovereignty and independence, we modestly re-assert. This "doctrine of Pennsylvania" has been accepted and adopted by the American Craft. Although the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts antedates in its "independent" formation the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, yet we nowhere can find in the proceedings of that Grand Lodge during those nine years of its independent life, the bold and uncompromising doctrine which Pennsylvania has never failed to assert as to the supreme sovereignty of all Grand Lodges. True it is that in 1783 the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts expressed an opinion that no person or persons, ought, or can consistently with the rules of Masonry, use or exercise the power or prerogatives of a Grand Master or Grand Lodge, to give power to erect Lodges or make Masons, or do anything which belongs to the powers or privileges of a Grand Lodge, within any part of the territory of a Grand Lodge. This was but the expression of an opinion. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has gone to the extreme limit of asserting as Masonic law that no Grand Lodge will be permitted to invade the sovereignty of any other Grand Lodge for any purpose. This is what we modestly claim is the sound doctrine. It is not an opinion,

it is the promulgation of an indestructible principle. This is the *ultimatum* on this subject, and Pennsylvania only suggests that she has insisted that it be so regarded.

In the concluding remarks of our Most Worshipful and highly esteemed Brother ROBBINS, we take exception to two words—"recklessness" and "evaded." We hardly think that these expressions are justified by anything we have heretofore written. We conclude by asking our Most Worshipful Brother to accept our most fraternal salutations.

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## INDIANA.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Indianapolis, May 27, being the fourth Tuesday of May, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT VAN VALZAH, Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother WM. H. SMYTHE, Grand Secretary.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present. The address of the Grand Master opens in charming rhetoric. He refers to the applications for recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Colon, Grand Lodge of Cuba, Grand Lodge of South Wales and Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a short report, recognizing the Grand Lodges of Cuba and New Mexico, and then give a list of Grand Lodges, the Proceedings of which have been received, which closes this report, of about three lines. It is signed, however, by ALBERT P. CHARLES, DAVID S. HOGIN and OWEN EVANS. We should have been pleased if this Committee of so prominent a Grand Lodge in the Craft had been able to make a more enlarged report. The Proceedings of Pennsylvania, however, are in the list. Most Worshipful Brother BELLAMY S. SUTTON was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. H. SMYTHE, Grand Secretary.



## INDIAN TERRITORY.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Okmulgee, Creek Nation, April 24, 1878, called for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Capitol buildings of the Creek Nation. Most Worshipful Brother H. LINDSEY, acting Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother N. P. WRIGHT, acting Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at McAlester, November 5, 1878, Most Worshipful Brother J. S. MURROW, Grand Master. Right Worshipful Brother R. P. JONES, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Right Worshipful Grand Master is confined exclusively to questions of domestic interest, and shows that the duties of the Oriental Chair in that Territory are pressing and important. We are gratified to see that they have a Committee of Education in that Grand Lodge, looking after the education of our deceased Brethren's orphan children. We take this occasion to suggest, without desiring to be hypercritical, that there is a broad distinction between what is called "education," and instruction. There is a high moral duty imposed, and a great responsibility rests, upon those who are designated or selected to instruct. A false beginning in this respect may grow out to what "the profane" call education, but the experience of the thoughtful man cannot fail to recognize in much of the education of the day, primary and radical defects, which cannot but be attributed to the early instruction imparted by the teacher. We think that teaching "to think," how to think, is less considered than "what to know."

The Committee of Correspondence begins its report with this shocking announcement: "The Chairman of this Committee, Brother J. B. JONES, was killed in August." Without knowing any of the circumstances, this announcement shocked us as we read it, and there came welling up from our hearts a feeling of deep sorrow, to which we give

expression in the desire to lay upon his grave that sprig of Acacia, which is the symbol to the Freemason of a better life and a better world. But, however, the report seems to have been made up by "H. F. BUCKNER, by request of the deceased Chairman." The conclusion of the Report has "XXX"—as his signature. This leads us to say of the whole report, that it is Xcellent. The Proceedings of Pennsylvania do not appear to have been received, for no notice is taken of our Grand Lodge.

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## IOWA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirty-sixth Annual Grand Communication, held at Dubuque, June 3, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother JEREMIAH W. WILSON, Grand Master, presiding. Past Grand Master, Brother GUILBERT, on behalf of the General Committee of Arrangements, welcomed the Grand Lodge to Dubuque, the Queen City of Iowa, to which the Grand Master replied.

The Grand Master's address contains nothing requiring special notice. The pamphlet before us shows industry and exactness in its preparation, and that the Grand Lodge of Iowa is in a flourishing condition, but we could expect nothing else from our highly esteemed Brother PARVIN, who is the Grand Secretary. He is so well known to the Craft that any words of commendation from us would be unnecessary. We miss the report on Foreign Correspondence, but the labor of preparing the Proceedings for publication was a very severe tax. Most Worshipful Brother A. C. ABBOTT was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother T. S. PARVIN, Past Grand Master, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## KANSAS.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-third Annual Grand Communication, held at Atchison, October 16, 1878, Most Worship-



ful Brother JOHN GUTHRIE, Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address refers to but two subjects of which we desire to take special notice at this time. We make the following extracts from his address :

“GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

“I have received a communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Quebec, protesting against the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in granting Warrants to form two Lodges of Masons at Montreal, in the Province of Quebec. The Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed on the twentieth day of October, 1869, in accordance with the principles and Constitutions of our Order, and has since received fraternal recognition as an independent Sovereign Grand Lodge, having the right to exercise Supreme Masonic authority over the Province of Quebec. Our own Grand Lodge has extended this fraternal recognition. At the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec there were several Lodges that still desired to remain under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which Body exercised jurisdiction over the territory now known as the Province of Quebec, when that Province and the now Province of Ontario were united under the name of the Province of Canada.

“At the same time there were also existing five Lodges under Warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, and two Lodges under Warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

“Subsequently, the differences between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Canada were amicably adjusted, and the latter withdrew entirely any claim to Jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec. Two of the Lodges under English Warrants, and one under the Scotch Warrant, took part in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but the remaining English Lodges, together with the Scotch Lodge, Elgin, still work under the old Warrants, and refuse to acknowledge the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

“Upon this existing state of facts the point of difference existing between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Scotland is, whether the Grand Lodge of Scotland is justifiable in issuing Warrants to form two new Lodges in the Province of Quebec.

“The Grand Lodges of this country have established the principle of exclusive territorial jurisdiction. This is no longer an open question. But the difficulty is behind the principle of exclusive territorial jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of Scotland, it seems, occupied the territory of the Province of Quebec before the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed, and Elgin Lodge working under a Charter issued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, refused to acknowledge the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. It seems to me that a due deference to the Grand Lodge of Quebec would forbid the policy of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to form any other Lodges in the Province of Quebec; but it is a very doubtful question whether she has not a right to do this.

“I suggest that this matter should receive your careful and deliberate consideration.

“THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

“In September, 1877, the Grand Orient of France eliminated from its Constitution the cardinal prerequisite of Masonry: the belief in God and the immortality of the soul. While this Grand Lodge will be always anxious to receive in the most fraternal spirit the Brethren of any foreign Grand Lodge, whose proceedings are conducted according to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, in which a belief in the Grand Architect is the first and most important, it cannot recognize as true and genuine Brethren any initiated in Lodges which thus deny or ignore that belief. On this vital question I cannot express my views better than to adopt the language of an eminent Grand Master of a sister jurisdiction: ‘It is the entrance into Freemasonry that should be especially and strictly guarded. The profane who seeks admission has before him difficulties to meet. He has no right to expect that the way is to be made easy to him when the landmarks are set up for the protection of the Brethren. The wisdom and experience of ages have sanctioned and made unalterable these landmarks, and it is impossible they can be modified to suit the whims, caprices, tastes or imperfections of one who has no companionship with the Craft. The prosperity of Freemasonry depends on the strict and cheerful obedience to the landmarks. If they are subordinated to the wishes or in compliance with the interest of those who are not of the Craft, the foundation of



the Fraternity will be no stronger than the changing opinion of men who have no association with the Fraternity. This is so absurd that it ought not to be spoken of, only to show the peril and ruin that must come if the fundamental principles are disregarded. The world is filled with examples which such causes have produced, and the protection of our Institution from like fate is found in the fact that it rejects absolutely, and refuses to follow such examples.' \* \*

"I know this Grand Lodge will stand faithfully by the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft, and I trust it will take such action promptly and explicitly, but deliberately, as will vindicate the integrity of the Craft and unite this Grand Lodge with every other power in the Masonic world. No atheist can be made a Mason, and it follows that we can have no Masonic fellowship with atheists and irreligious libertines."

On a special report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence on the subject of the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Lodge refused to longer recognize it, or any Masons hailing under it. The same Committee made another special report upon the subject of Scotland and Quebec, accompanied by the three following resolutions :

*"Resolved,* That the Grand Lodge of Kansas holds as a matter of unquestionable law, that when a Grand Lodge has been regularly organized in accordance with the law and usage of the Order, in any political territory, it has the undoubted right to the exclusive Masonic jurisdiction within such territory, and that the erection or continuance of Lodges by any other Grand Lodge against their supreme authority, is an invasion of jurisdictional rights, and is alike subversive of good government and disloyal to Masonic constitutional authority.

*"Resolved,* That the Grand Lodge of Kansas, having established fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and recognized it as one of the sisterhood of Grand Lodges possessing exclusive jurisdiction within that Masonic province, views with regret and deep concern the unwarranted invasion of the territory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in the attempt to organize and maintain Lodges in that Province holding allegiance to the said Grand Lodge of Scotland.

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Kansas will hereby join with other Grand Lodges in fraternal remonstrance with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in the hope that she may be induced to reconsider her action in the true interest of Masonry, so long established as an eminent governing body, whose practice has ever been to conserve the principles of Masonic right and universal justice.

“All of which is fraternally submitted.

“JOHN H. BROWN,  
“*Chairman.*”

The general report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a carefully prepared paper, shows Brother BROWN to be a master of his business, does justice to the Proceeding of the Grand Lodges he reviews, and kindly refers to this jurisdiction.

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## KENTUCKY.

PROCEEDINGS of Seventy-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Louisville, October 22, 1878, Most Worshipful Brother CAMPBELL H. JOHNSON, Grand Master. Right Worshipful Brother HIRAM BASSETT, Grand Secretary.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Master's Address contains nothing to which we are justified in making special reference. Very interesting Dedicatory Services of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home appear among the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge. The Grand Master's Address on the occasion of the Dedication of the Home is a very ornate and interesting production. The Governor of the State made an admirable speech—in fact, all the addresses were excellent. We shall look with great interest to the results of this institution, especially in its administration.

The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is from Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT MORRIS, Chairman. His opening remarks are very



interesting, and he works with a master hand. We especially admire his language. He treats the Grand Lodges with care and courtesy. He seems to delight in the extracts he makes from their Proceedings. In coming to the page on Pennsylvania, our eye rested upon the word "*corpus*," in the very first line of his reference to our jurisdiction. Long service has dimmed our eye, and we really thought it was—corpse. That this was not a violent presumption, we give the line as printed by Brother MORRIS. "The Proceedings of this Venerable and Distinguished *corpus* of Masons." So long as our Most Worshipful Brother considers this Grand Lodge as a *corpus*, we will try our best to preserve in it the *soul* of Masonry.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS S. PETTIT was elected Grand Master, and Brother HIRAM BASSETT re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## LOUISIANA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixty-seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at New Orleans, February 10, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother SAMUEL JAMES POWELL, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., Grand Secretary.

Grand Master POWELL made a very neat address, referring to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. He seems to take the general view expressed by other jurisdictions, and refers it to the Grand Lodge for its action. We read with more than ordinary interest the report of the Grand Secretary, our highly esteemed and respected Brother BATCHELOR. A special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Brother BRAUGHN, Chairman, recalls the Commission now held by the Representative of Grand Lodge of Louisiana near the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and recommends the recognition of Dakota, Indian Territory and New Mexico. Right Worshipful Brother EDWIN MARKS, P. D. Grand Master was elected Grand Master, and Brother Dr. BATCHELOR was re-elected Grand Secretary.

We feel a quiet satisfaction and delight in reading over the work of our Brother Dr. BATCHELOR,—he is so earnest, so able, so sincere, so indefatigable.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is signed, GEORGE H. BRAUGHN, Chairman, ERNEST MOREL, and JOHN C. CLEGG, Committee on Correspondence. If Right Worshipful Brother BRAUGHN calls this report of his, the work of seven months, and “curtailed,” at that, then all we have to say is, that the universal Craft has lost the expression of Masonic views of one of the ablest writers in any of our jurisdictions. He has made it, nevertheless, a paper that we know all our Brethren on Committees of Foreign Correspondence will delight to peruse. When he touches a Masonic question he does it with a vigor and an ability that must gratify every true Mason. His reference to Pennsylvania we only notice, we cannot do more. His estimate of the Chairman of our Committee arises, we fear, from more of kindness than of judgment.

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## MAINE.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixtieth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, held at Masonic Hall, Portland, May 6, 1879. Most Worshipful Grand Master EDWARD P. BURNHAM, presiding, and Right Worshipful IRA BERRY, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master states in his address that on the 10th of September, 1878, Warren Lodge, No. 2, East Machias, in the county of Washington, was 100 years old. “Born,” he says, “in the midst of the ‘Revolution’ and named for General and Grand Master, JOSEPH WARREN, it was the pioneer of Freemasonry in Eastern Maine.” We find the address devoted to the matters of interest to the Craft in Maine.

A special report from our most esteemed Brother DRUMMOND, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, refers to the recognition of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodges of the Provinces of Manitoba and New Mexico.



The report recognizes the Grand Lodge of which Most Worshipful SAMUEL P. MATESON is Grand Master, and Right Worshipful JOHN H. BELL, Grand Secretary, and approves of the revocation by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, of the commission of WILLIAM N. KENNEDY as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The report also recognizes the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. We have expressed our opinion as to the proceedings in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba under the caption of Manitoba.

Brother DRUMMOND in a second special report refers to the difficulty between the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Quebec, and presents the following resolutions:

We copy them *in hoc verba* lest we might again receive the criticism which our highly esteemed Brother undertook to administer to us as to our views on the question of the recognition of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of *Cuba*. The Grand Lodge of Maine adopted these resolutions:

*Whereas*, The Grand Lodge of Scotland, in violation of principles of Masonic law itself admits to be valid, is attempting to establish and maintain Lodges within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge again affirms the doctrine, enunciated by Massachusetts Grand Lodge in 1783, that, when a Grand Lodge is established in any Territory, no person or persons ought or can, consistently with the rules of Masonry, use or exercise the powers or prerogatives of a Grand Master or Grand Lodge, *to wit*, to give power to erect Lodges of Masonry, make Masons, or do anything which belongs to the powers or privileges of a Grand Lodge, within any part of such Territory, the rightful and appropriated limits, to which the authority of such Grand Lodge forever extends.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will support the Grand Lodge of Quebec in maintaining its *exclusive* jurisdiction throughout the Province.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge holds that all Lodges in the Province of Quebec not recognized by the Grand Lodge

of Quebec, are illegal, and all their members clandestine Masons, and hereby forbids all Masons of its obedience to hold any kind of Masonic communication with them.

*Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, be requested to cause this Grand Lodge to be furnished with the names of all illegal associations, claiming to be Masonic, in that jurisdiction, with the names of their officers and members, as far as practicable, and especially of any members who have heretofore been members of any Lodges under the authority of that Grand Lodge.

A third special report from Brother DRUMMOND was received, in which he refuses to accord recognition to the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

The Annual Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is in the usual able and attractive style of its distinguished author. Brother DRUMMOND has but few superiors in this branch of authorship. He is exact, careful, not too concise, and gives in his review of the Grand Lodges of the Craft that he notices, more than a full *résumé* of their most important proceedings—important as they relate to subjects of general Masonic interest. The structure of his reports, like that of our highly esteemed Brother, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master SIMONS, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York, is in our view too elaborate. These reports are yearly histories of the condition of the Grand Lodges, and not a concise review of the important subjects embraced in the transactions of Grand Lodges. It may be but a matter of opinion, or taste, but we rather prefer the brief treatment of the matter that we notice in the several Proceedings of other Grand Lodges with which we are in Masonic harmony, and fraternity. All that these reviews really effect is the acknowledgment of these relations, and a care that nothing takes place in Grand Lodge which might have an injurious effect on the Craft, without a suitable notice of either warning, counsel or condemnation. To establish a uniformity of opinion and action of all our Sister



Grand Lodges on questions of vital Masonic principles ; to guard against ill-advised action on less important subjects, which by precedent or example might be unfortunate in their effects on other Grand Lodges, are probably the most that these reports from Committees of Foreign Correspondence can make valuable.

This is our purpose. We try to reach it in the most fraternal spirit, not claiming the right either to dictate or to censure, but only to present our own views on questions, when they arise, and with our greetings to our Sister Grand Lodges, in the bonds of Masonic faith and practice. We seek to maintain the most harmonious relations with Grand Lodges, to defend true Masonic principles, to aid in the dissemination of true Masonic knowledge, to refuse recognition to Bodies we think have neither gained nor deserved it, to protect our own Grand Lodge from the disturbing influences which may approach our "outer door," and if no precautions are taken, try to enter, these are among the duties we regard as primary and most important for us to discharge.

In this, as usual admirable general report of Brother DRUMMOND, he follows out the tone of review we have mentioned, and as an example, under the caption "District of Columbia," we have eight pages, which contain a disquisition on more than one subject which, while it may interest our Right Worshipful Brother SINGLETON, and does us, as interesting Masonic reading matter, we hardly think is justified by the importance of the subjects of which it treats. And this really may be considered a sample of the scope of his reviews of all the Grand Lodges.

Let us be understood distinctly, we do not thus write either to cavil or to correct, but rather in answer to the first sentence of Right Worshipful Brother DRUMMOND's notice of Pennsylvania. In noting our Proceedings of 1878, this is the first line that meets our eye, "*The Proceedings were chiefly of a routine character.*" In the notice that our most esteemed Brother makes of the report of our Committee, he at first seems to have been bewildered. Why his mind was thus

affected, we do not know. Our explanation is, that our plain and quiet, and unobtrusive and undemonstrative Grand Lodge could not arouse his Masonic attention. Humble and unpretentious, we never seek to startle, to lead, to bewilder, and certainly not dazzle to blind. Such a character we know could not arrest the quick perceptions of so distinguished and able a Masonic author and reviewer as our highly esteemed Brother. To indicate at least the propriety of these remarks, we propose simply to quote the opening sentences of Brother DRUMMOND'S report as to Pennsylvania, which have called forth this explanation:

“The Report on Correspondence (63 pp.) commence as follows:

“‘The Committee on Correspondence, Brothers CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, CHARLES D. FREEMAN, HUBBARD B. PAYNE and GEORGE BAKER, by its Chairman, asks leave to present its Annual Report.’

“Naturally inferring the first named was the Chairman, we went on at first to express our regrets that Brother RICHARD VAUX had retired from this department of labor, and our pleasure, that if Brother V. *must* retire, in meeting Brother MACCALLA as his successor.

“As we read the ‘introduction,’ we exclaimed, ‘How much Brother MACCALLA writes like Brother VAUX!’ As we progressed, our wonder increased that there should be *any* one, who *could* so closely imitate Brother V.’s style, and we finally turned to the end of the Report and there found it signed ‘RICHARD VAUX, *Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.*’ We made haste to destroy what we had written and took a ‘new departure.’

“We would gladly copy all his introduction, but can spare space only for some *practical* matters, which we deem of the most importance.”

Brother MACCALLA, who sits by our side as we now write, with that savage ferocity which marks his revengeful feeling, says, “Brother DRUMMOND is no very accurate critic, for he has had ample opportunity to compare my style with Brother VAUX’S, and I never expected to merit such a condemnation as to have mine mistaken for his.” We say to



him in reply, as he aids us so efficiently in our present labors: "Don't be vexed, dear Brother MACCALLA, Brother DRUMMOND thought he was paying *me* a compliment."

We do not propose to renew the discussion with Brother DRUMMOND about the symbolic degrees of the A. and A. Rite, nor to enter into further controversy as to the usurpations of that Rite; nor do we intend to be drawn into any further discussion of the propriety of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba. After a careful review of our position, on both cases, we content ourself with stating now that no sound argument has yet appeared which confutes the position we have taken on either subject. That the Grand Lodge of Cuba was constituted according to Masonic law and usage we consider to be beyond the reach of successful contradiction. If within the territorial limits any Grand Orient may claim to demark its terrestriality, there is a sufficient number of Lodges and Brethren to set up a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, the title or claim of the A. and A. Rite to hold Masonic sovereignty over such a jurisdiction, cannot be sustained. It is preposterous for the A. and A. Rite to claim jurisdiction over the symbolic degrees. We found in Cuba a Grand Body claiming to be constituted according to the Landmarks and usages of Free and Accepted Masonry, that it had violated no other Masonic sovereignty, and although it was not supported or approved by the authorities of the A. and A. Rite, we could not refrain from consenting to its recognition. All that has transpired since is but earnest and strenuous efforts of the authorities of the A. and A. Rite to impair the title of the Grand Lodge of Cuba to its Masonic existence. As far as we have considered these subsequent Proceedings under the auspices of the so-called Grand Lodge of Colon, they fail to convince us that our original position is founded in Masonic error. We think he who reads the remarks of Brother DRUMMOND in his report under the caption of "Colon and Cuba" will fail to be convinced that our position is successfully refuted. It pains us to differ with our most distin-

guished and esteemed Brother DRUMMOND, the northern star in the Masonic literary firmament, and we can only rest satisfied with the consciousness that we here tried to understand the subject. If we ever should climb so high up the Masonic ladder as to be distinguished by the cabalistic signs that mark the number of steps our distinguished Brother has taken, we may possibly be able to see, in the undimmed light of an Eastern sunrise, the mistake we may have made in the twilight which envelops our Masonic comprehension.

We thank our Brother for his article, under the caption, "New Mexico, 1879," and especially for his remarks under the caption "Quebec, 1878." If we may not be deemed obtrusive, we beg Most Worshipful Brother DRUMMOND to accept our most fraternal salutations.

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### MANITOBA.

AN unwarranted and disgraceful difficulty occurred in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1877. In August of that year, Grand Master NEWCOMB issued a "Circular Letter" to the Subordinate Lodges in his jurisdiction, with reference to appointments of Committees on Applicants for initiation and membership. At the time, Brother E. GEORGE CONKLIN, Junior Grand Warden, was Worshipful Master of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1; and when the circular letter was read, on the *third* reading of the same, Worshipful Master, Brother CONKLIN concluded that it was "contrary to the true spirit of our Ancient Craft," and refused to obey it, and so informed the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Grand Master replied, asking for an apology. No notice was taken of his letter, whereupon he declared Brother CONKLIN suspended, and ordered the Senior Warden of Prince Rupert's Lodge to summon the Lodge at its next meeting.

The Third Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was held at Winnipeg, June 14, 1878. At this Communication, Grand Master NEWCOMB in his an-



nual address reported his action, as above mentioned, to the Grand Lodge, when his address was referred to the Board of General Purposes, which recommended that on Brother CONKLIN's expressing his regret to the Grand Master, and promising compliance with the edict of August 16, 1877, and any other future edicts, the Grand Master be respectfully recommended to withdraw from Right Worshipful Brother CONKLIN the suspension, and reinstate him in all his rights and privileges. The report of the Board was adopted. The same day the election for Grand Officers occurred, when Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE F. NEWCOMB was re-elected Grand Master. While the ballot was being taken for Deputy Grand Master, Brother E. G. CONKLIN, with six other members of the Grand Lodge, who espoused his cause, requested that the Brethren in waiting in the ante-room be admitted. Grand Master NEWCOMB decided that "they could not be admitted during the process of collecting the ballot," whereupon Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE BLACK forced open the outer door, and in company with Brother CONKLIN and the other disaffected Brethren left the Grand Lodge, having first created considerable disturbance in the ante-room. The balloting then continued, when the remaining Grand Officers were elected.

The said Brother CONKLIN, while under suspension on December 11, 1878, with two Past Grand Masters called an "Adjourned Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba," which unlawfully assumed to elect Grand Officers and transact the business of the Grand Lodge. It held two meetings, on December 30, 1878, and January 22, 1879, Past Grand Master Brother W. N. KENNEDY having been elected Grand Master, and Brother E. G. CONKLIN, Grand Secretary.

The said two Past Grand Masters were both declared suspended by Grand Master NEWCOMB.

On December 20, 1878, an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Winnipeg, to act upon the suspensions of Brothers E. G. CONKLIN, W. N. KENNEDY and

GEORGE BLACK, Worshipful Master Brother GEORGE F. NEWCOMB, Grand Master, presiding. Grand Master NEWCOMB, in his address, reported to the Grand Lodge all the facts bearing upon the matter for which the Emergent Communication was called, whereupon, on motion, the action of the Grand Master in suspending Brothers CONKLIN, BLACK and KENNEDY was confirmed by the Grand Lodge, and further, the Warrant of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, was suspended, because the Lodge at its meeting on December 17, had admitted Brother CONKLIN, a suspended Mason; and the Brethren named were summoned to appear before the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, on February 12, 1879, to show cause why the sentence of expulsion should not be recorded against them. At the same time the Worshipful Master and Wardens of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, were declared suspended, and they were summoned to appear at the Grand Communication named, on February 12, 1879, and show cause why the Warrant of their Lodge should not be canceled, and themselves expelled. Several other offending Brethren were also suspended, and summoned in like manner to show cause.

At the Fourth Annual Grand Communication, held February 12, 1879, Grand Master NEWCOMB presided.

Grand Master NEWCOMB delivered his annual address, which recited the then aspect of the CONKLIN and Prince Rupert's Lodge difficulty, and his address was referred to the Board of General Purposes. The Board, in their report, expressed their "general approval" of Grand Master NEWCOMB's course, and that "this Grand Lodge has erred, if at all, on the side of leniency, and has only taken such steps in the line of discipline as the circumstances imperiously demanded." They further expressed their "sincere sympathy" with Grand Master NEWCOMB, and their "hearty belief that he had always discharged his responsible duties fearlessly and conscientiously." The report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted.



The annual election then occurred, when Grand Master NEWCOMB absolutely declining a re-election, Right Worshipful Brother Rev. SAMUEL P. MATHESON was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BELL, Grand Secretary, and the Grand Officers were duly installed by Most Worshpful Brother GEORGE F. NEWCOMB.

Brothers E. GEORGE CONKLIN, W. N. KENNEDY, and GEORGE BLACK having not appeared to show cause why they should not be expelled at this Annual Grand Communication, as summoned so to do, they were on motion severally expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. The cases of the other Brethren suspended were postponed, and their suspensions continued, and the Grand Officers were "empowered to deal with the matter."

Grand Master NEWCOMB was again complimented, unanimously, with a resolution, wherein the Grand Lodge "expressed their highest appreciation of the efficient and constitutional manner in which he had performed the duties of Grand Master."

Thus, according to the Proceedings before us, rightfully ended this disgraceful and unmasonic rebellion in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

In reviewing the condition of things in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, we have trespassed upon the time of our readers, in giving, as we think, a full account of the Proceedings in that Grand Lodge, which we have already twice designated as disgraceful. Flagrant insubordination, a spirit of open resistance to Masonic principles and law, schism unjustified by any pretence, and conduct utterly unworthy of one who *pretends* to be a Mason, mark all the proceedings of these malicious disturbers of the Masonic peace of this Grand Lodge. The expulsion from Masonry of the individuals, and the sequestration of the Warrant of Prince Rupert Lodge, No. 1, are in our opinion the mildest forms of Masonic penalty. We are rejoiced at the Masonic courage and persistency, and the devotion to Masonic law and Landmarks, which actuated the Grand Master and Grand Lodge in dealing with this emer-

gency. The universal Craft owes them a debt of Masonic gratitude, and we cannot hesitate a moment in according to them our congratulations at the manner they met the attack upon the Masonic sovereignty of the Grand Lodge. We desire to call the attention of the Craft in our own jurisdiction to these proceedings, that, peradventure, if any of the associates of these disturbers of the Masonic peace of Manitoba shall seek admission into any Lodge in this jurisdiction, he may be met by prompt rejection.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is the Rev. SAMUEL P. MATHESON, and the Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BELL.

PROCEEDINGS of Third Annual Grand Communication, held at Winnipeg, June 12, 1878, Most Worshipful Brother GEO. F. NEWCOMB, Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother JOHN BELL, Grand Secretary.

This volume is mostly taken up with the Grand Master's address, and it shows him to be a hard working and careful officer, with plenty to do. The Board of General Purposes is unwilling to recognize the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, until it hears from the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Cuba having been recognized by the Grand Lodge, it accepts Most Worshipful Brother SIMONS as its representative. It postpones the consideration of some correspondence it has had with Cuba until its next meeting. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence only gives the list of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges it has received, but makes no report. Pennsylvania is included.

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## MARYLAND.

THE Proceedings of the Annual Grand Communication, held at Baltimore, November 20, 1878, Most Worshipful Brother FRANCIS BURNS, Deputy Grand Master, presiding;



Right Worshipful Brother J. H. MEDAIRY, Grand Secretary. A special report was rendered by Brother E. J. S. GORGAS, Chairman of Committee of Foreign Correspondence, on the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as to the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales. Also, as to the Grand Orient of Italy, and the Grand Orient of France. The Committee recommend that recognition be withheld from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and refuses admittance to persons hailing under the Grand Orients of Italy or France. Brother JOHN M. CARTER was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother MEDAIRY, Grand Secretary. The general report on Correspondence notices the Proceedings of Pennsylvania for 1877. Under the caption of Quebec, Brother GORGAS says, referring to the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland: "There is no excuse whatever for such action on the part of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec is justified in the employing all legitimate measures to compel such Lodges in their jurisdiction to place themselves under its government. Such a state of affairs would not be tolerated in an American Grand Lodge, as exclusive jurisdiction is considered to be inalienable." His notice of Pennsylvania is kind, and we have no other remarks to make upon the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held March 31, 1879, and Semi-annual Communication, held May 13, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother JOHN M. CARTER, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother MEDAIRY, Grand Secretary. This Special Communication was held for the purpose of submitting suitable testimonials upon the retirement of Most Worshipful Grand Master LATROBE, and Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master BURNS. Suitable resolutions were passed, and magnificent Masonic Jewels were presented to the retiring Brethren, merited recognition of their long and valued services. The speech of Past Grand Master LATROBE was worthy of his eminent fame.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION was held at Boston, November 1, 1878, Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, Grand Master. Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE P. SANGER, Corresponding Grand Secretary. It was convened to attend the funeral of the late Recording Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES H. TITUS.

An Annual Grand Communication was held December 11, 1878, at Boston. Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES A. WELCH, Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother TRACY P. CHEEVER, Recording Grand Secretary, and Brother GEORGE P. SANGER, Corresponding Grand Secretary. Five Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Master delivered his annual address, in which he quotes a Past Grand Master approvingly as to the propriety of avoiding publicity of Lodge proceedings. He approves of the policy of neither writing nor printing "Masonic intelligence for the gratification of the profane, or the vanity of the initiated," and remarks, "we have wandered from this high standard, and the return may be difficult, but I am convinced, that the closer we confine Masonic affairs to Masonic breasts, the better it will be for the Fraternity and its reputation." This has ever been the teaching of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and therefore we cordially endorse the expression of opinion of our Most Worshipful Brother WELCH, of Massachusetts. Worshipful Brother CHARLES A. WELCH was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother CHEEVER, Grand Secretary.

A Stated Communication was held December 22, 1878, at Boston. Most Worshipful Brother ABRAM H. HOWLAND, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, presiding; Right Worshipful Brother CHEEVER, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master-elect was installed. There is no report from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, as usual, nor do we see that any action was taken on the subject of Quebec.



## MICHIGAN.

TRANSACTIONS of Annual Grand Communication, held at Jackson, January 28, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. FINCH, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WM. P. INNES, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address was a plain, business-like paper. He transmits to the Grand Lodge a communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as to New South Wales, and refers to the Grand Orient of France.

Right Worshipful Brother WM. P. INNES, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, rendered a special report upon the subject of Colon and Cuba. It recognizes the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and says the so-called Grand Lodge of Colon "is out of court." It recognizes the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. The special Committee on the Grand Orient of France approves of the sentiments of the address of the Grand Master as to the Grand Orient, and repudiates its present position.

W. Brother DANIEL STRIKER was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother INNES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is an unusually elaborate paper. The Proceedings of Pennsylvania were not noticed, which we regret, because Brother INNES appears to be an accurate Masonic thinker.

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 MINNESOTA.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-Sixth Annual Grand Communication, held at St. Paul's, January 14, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother E. W. DURANT, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother A. T. C. PIERSON, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address refers to the Grand Orient

of France, with a translation of the Proceedings of that Body, and a very full discussion of the question. He refers it to the Grand Lodge for its action; and also the difficulties of the Grand Lodge of Dakota and the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

The Grand Secretary made the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in printed form, and distributed the same to the Grand Lodge. The Committee on the subject of the Grand Orient of France reported against holding fraternal relations with it, and forbids the recognition of Masons under the obedience of the said Grand Orient, for the reason, among others, that the Grand Orient of France has subverted the principles of Freemasonry. Brother H. R. WELLS was elected Grand Master.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our esteemed Brother A. T. C. PIERSON, Chairman. We like the general scope of his report, and cannot fail to appreciate his kind notice of Pennsylvania. We trust he will accept our fraternal gratitude.

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## MISSISSIPPI.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-first Annual Grand Communication, held at Okolona, January 15, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES T. MURPHY, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. L. POWER, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address contains some striking sentences of great beauty. It touches, however, no general questions of interest to the Fraternity, except so much as refers to the Masonic contributions made to the sufferers by the yellow fever in that jurisdiction.

A Grand Lodge of Sorrow was held January 15, 1879, for the deceased Brethren, and interesting it was, too.

The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is presented by Worshipful Brother H. M. HOWRY. The in-



troductory remarks of our Brother are too modest for so able a Masonic author. He certainly fulfills his promise that he will speak boldly of all Masonic subjects presented for discussion. Our Worshipful Brother in his notice of Pennsylvania, 1877, says he has been "looking for the old Grand Lodges to be provoked into a controversy by the innovations which modern Masonry is gradually interweaving into our system of work, usage and jurisprudence." We beg to assure our esteemed Brother that so far as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is concerned, she will give no groundless occasion for any one "to pick a quarrel" with her, but the moment any innovation, coming from whence it may, or how originating, or by whom endorsed, presents itself to our notice, it will be met by that firm, and decided antagonism with which truth, when left free, ever combats errors. Pennsylvania feels herself justified in taking positive and advanced ground on any such question, and she will be disappointed if she shall not be sustained by the old Grand Lodges of the Craft which have grown hoary in the maintenances of the ancient customs, usages and landmarks of the Fraternity. We feel convinced that when that time comes, if ever, we shall have the earnest support of our esteemed Brother, J. M. HOWRY.

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## MISSOURI.

PROCEEDINGS of Fifty-eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at St. Louis, October 15, 1878, Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS C. READY, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. VINCIL, Grand Secretary.

We cannot take up these Proceedings without a sigh coming from our Masonic heart, at the sad, sad death of our lamented Brother GOULEY. Poor GOULEY, let us lay the evergreen on his tomb.

The address of the Grand Master refers to the large number of deceased Brethren, to the jurisdictional rights invaded,

and to the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of Cuba, which latter he desires to be referred to a special committee for consideration. The Grand Master convened a special session of the Grand Lodge to lay the cornerstone of the County Court of Clayton, St. Louis county, July 9, 1878. The rest of the address refers to questions of domestic interest.

Most Worshipful Brother NOAH M. GIVAN was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. VINCIL, Grand Secretary. Action in regard to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba was postponed.

The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is by our highly esteemed Brother JOHN D. VINCIL, Chairman of Committee. It is a very lengthy paper, well prepared, showing a careful study of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges under review, and extracting from them what appeared of interest. We like the style of putting the names of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary at the end of the paper on each Grand Lodge, and he sometimes adds the name of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We accept what he says about Mexico as reasonable and fraternal; and also Ohio. We thank him kindly for what he says of Pennsylvania, and we can commend his report to the attention of our Brethren of the Committees of Foreign Correspondence. We think they will profit by reading it.

PROCEEDINGS of Fifty-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at St. Louis, October 14, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother N. M. GIVAN, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. VINCIL, Grand Secretary.

Let us premise, that the printed copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge presents the evidence of an amount of labor, care and thorough practical work, which commands this expression of opinion after its careful perusal. The Grand Master's address may be said to be exhaustive. He touches upon all the questions that concern the interests of



his jurisdiction. We observe that Right Worshipful Brother ALBERT G. MACKEY addressed the Grand Lodge, but no mention is made of his subject. We are glad to find that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, exemplified the Work in Grand Lodge. We regard this as very important in every Grand Lodge jurisdiction. The Central Female College for daughters of worthy and deceased Brethren is reported to be in a flourishing condition.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a special report. The opening remarks refer to the American Doctrine of jurisdictional rights of Grand Lodges. It next refers to the action of Scotland with reference to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and we quote and desire to emphasize the following sentence: "We can characterize the course of Scotland as evidencing only a trinity of features,—first, folly; second, injustice; third, outrage." Who can gainsay this?

The report postpones action on the recognition of New South Wales until the next meeting. As to Cuba, the report expresses no opinion, although it very strongly hints, that the smoke from the fragrant Havana clouds the subject so as not to be thoroughly discerned. This special report is an exceedingly able one.

The general report on Foreign Correspondence is from the same pen—its Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. VINCIL. The labor he has bestowed upon it is remarkable. The expression of his Masonic opinions, both as to their soundness, and the terseness of the style in which he communicates them, and the grasp he takes of the Masonic questions he reviews, place Right Worshipful Brother VINCIL in the highest rank of Masonic writers. He has been very kind to Pennsylvania, and we appreciate it.

Most Worshipful Brother JOSEPH S. BROWNE was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. VINCIL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## MONTANA.

PROCEEDINGS of Fourteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Virginia City, October 1, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother WM. A. CLARK, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES, Grand Secretary.

These Proceedings are admirably printed; it is quite a luxury to read their bold, strong type, particularly at this late hour of the night, which we must confess is trying to the eyes after hours devoted to this sort of reading. We do wish that some of the printers who make up the printed copies of these Proceedings were compelled, as we are, to pass night after night in the painful effort to go over minion and nonpareil, to say nothing of diamond and other styles, by municipal gas, which is about the poorest of all artificial illuminating powers we know. It may be, however, that cigar smoke, which, like clouds, envelops us, has something to do with it. No matter. It is a relief to read the Grand Master's address of Montana. We do earnestly and emphatically endorse what the Grand Master says as to the Entered Apprentice Degree, and also as to the manner in which investigating committees perform their duties. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN STEADMAN was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a special report, still withholding recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba. Brother HEDGES also made another special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, as to the Grand Orient of France, forbidding all recognition of it, or intercourse with its members. On motion of Brother DEIMLING, appropriate resolutions were passed upon the retirement of Most Worshipful Brother CLARK, Grand Master, and asking him to sit for a steel-engraving portrait, to be presented to the Grand Lodge. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN STEADMAN was then installed Grand Master.

The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence



is from the pen of our highly respected and esteemed Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES. His conclusion is Biblical. We assume from it that he is a temperance man, a water-drinker, for if we read him aright, he prides himself upon being a leader of the three hundred that lapped water with Gideon, or rather their descendants, immediate or otherwise, rather than to be the captain of the thirty-two thousand who started with him to fight the Midianites. Doubtless there are men of peculiar views on all subjects, even in that glorious country Montana. His report is a concise and satisfactory one. His notice of Pennsylvania is affectionate and fraternal. The invitation to come to Montana we wish we could accept. We would love to be with our Brother on those mountain peaks, amid the pure fresh air, the invigorating climate, and in the special enjoyment of fraternal intercourse with our Brethren of the Craft. We hardly think, however, that all this will be necessary to enable us to express our opinions with frankness on Masonic subjects. We have very little wealth, except in the Divine blessing of health, and we have yet to learn that there is a great deal of health in some of the wealth that we see possessed by our neighbors. The true wealth that all good men and Masons should seek to acquire is that which comes from a conscience void of offence towards God and man. We are trying to hoard this wealth. It must be as difficult as the toil of the miner in an unpromising lead. But our esteemed Brother promises us the "freedom of our mountains in a casket of rosy cheeks." We thought that was exclusively the promise of the Grand Lodge of Utah. A casket, in this part of the world, is most frequently used for the repose of dead bodies, but if the pure mountain air of Montana gives the occupant of the casket a "rosy cheek" in death, what must be its blessings to those darling creatures, who, by their beauty, bewitching fascinations, and powerful magnetism, make us wish youth was eternal. Our esteemed Brother HEDGES's conclusion of his report is charmingly written, and we bid him good night with great reluctance.

## NEBRASKA.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirty-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Lincoln, June 24, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother JAMES A. TULLEYS, Deputy Grand Master, presiding; Right Worshipful Brother WM. R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary.

The address of Most Worshipful Brother E. K. VALENTINE, was read by the Grand Secretary, he being absent on official business. He refers to the communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland with regard to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which he laid before the Grand Lodge. Most Worshipful Brother E. F. WARREN, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was present, and presented a communication with reference to the trouble in that jurisdiction. Other Grand Representatives made reports of the Proceedings of their Grand Lodges. Most Worshipful Brother ROLLAND H. OAKLEY was elected Grand Master, and Brother WM. R. BOWEN was re-elected Grand Secretary. We observe that this Grand Lodge calls its Grand Officers "office bearers," as in England and Scotland, we believe.

Worshipful Brother GEORGE B. FRANCE delivered an oration, which is a sound, practical address. There is no Report from Committee of Correspondence.

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NEVADA.

PROCEEDINGS of Fifteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at City of Virginia, June 10, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother HENRY L. FISH, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. HAMMOND, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master in his address, refers to the very grave controversy which continues between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec. He also refers to the Grand Lodge of Cuba in the same spirit in which our remarks on the same subject



were made, and covering the same ground. His reference to the Grand Representative system needs some qualification, we think. We hardly are prepared to accept his suggestion, that by prompting a comparison of methods, any real benefit can arise. We rather incline to believe that no such official duty should be permitted. If, by comparing methods a basis should be laid down on which the Representative of one Grand Lodge should undertake to interfere with the mode of proceeding of any other Grand Lodge [the one near which he is accredited, or from which he comes as Representative, for example], unharmony might result. All that a Grand Representative can, or ought to do, is to maintain the fraternal relations between Grand Lodges. Thus circumscribed, a Grand Representative may be of service to the Craft. Very Worshipful Brother ROBERT H. TAYLOR, from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, presented a report, which very properly met the cordial approval of his Grand Lodge. We reciprocate his notice of Pennsylvania. Very Worshipful Brother TAYLOR made a special report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence with reference to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Lodge cut off all relations with Scotland; and recognized the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Our Brethren in Nevada appear to be in a healthful Masonic condition.

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## NEW BRUNSWICK.

PROCEEDINGS of Eleventh Annual Grand Communication, held at St. John, September 25, 1878, and of Special Communications, held May 29, July 1, and Nov. 25, 1878.

At the Special Communication, held May 29, Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT T. CLINCH, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in *due* form. The Grand Master being in

waiting, was received with due ceremony, and stated that the Communication was called to lay the corner-stone of the City Hall, at St. John.

The Special Communication held July 1, 1878, had the same Grand Officers, the Grand Master presiding. It was called to lay the corner-stone of the New Masonic Hall at St. John. The ceremonies were very full, and Past Grand Master WEDDERBURN'S oration very appropriate.

The Eleventh Annual Grand Communication was held at St. John, September 25, 1878, same Grand Officers.

The Grand Master's address refers to the new Masonic Hall, to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, to the trouble in the neighboring Province of Quebec, and to the Grand Orient of France. Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT MARSHALL was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. F. BUNTING was appointed Grand Secretary. The Committee on the Grand Master's address, finding that protests had been entered against Cuba and New South Wales, asked that those subjects be referred to another Special Committee. Communications from the so-called Grand Orient of Spain, and from the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and the application for recognition from the so-called Grand Lodges of Egypt, Indian Territory, and New Mexico, and Grand Orient of France, and a Communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, were referred to the same Committee having charge of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and that of Colon. In regard to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Committee report that the Grand Lodge has undoubted right of exclusive Masonic jurisdiction within its territory, and the erection or continuance of Lodges by any other Grand Body against the supremacy of the Local Grand Lodge, is an invasion of Masonic territory, alike subversive of good government, and disloyal to Masonic constitutional authority. In regard to the Grand Orient of France, all communication was suspended with it.



The Twelfth Annual Grand Communication was held May 1, 1879, at St. John, Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT MARSHALL, Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother BUNTING, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master congratulated the Craft that they were meeting in their own Hall, dedicated to Freemasonry. Grand Master MARSHALL was re-elected. A paper was read from JAMES S. FARNELL claiming to be Grand Master of New South Wales. The "Committee on Fraternal Relations with Sister Grand Lodges" reported in favor of recognizing the Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and New Mexico. The same Committee could not determine whether to recognize the Grand Lodge of Cuba or the Grand Lodge of Colon, or either, or both, or neither. It seems that the reasoning of our Most Worshipful and highly esteemed Brethren, Brother DRUMMOND of Maine, and Brother SIMONS of New York, so befogged the minds of the learned Committee of New Brunswick, that they seemed to be in the position of that happy swain who in the agony of his uncertainty, said, "how happy could I be with either, were t'other dear charmer away." There is no Report from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PROCEEDINGS of Semi-Annual Communication, held at Manchester, December 27, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother SOLON A. CARTER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Secretary. At the afternoon session the Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge and exemplified the work.

The Ninetieth Annual Grand Communication, was held at Concord, May 21, 1879. Same Grand Officers. There is nothing in the Grand Master's address that demands special attention.

The Report from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence was presented by Worshipful Brother A. S. WAIT, Chairman of Committee. We thank him for his notice of Pennsylvania.

If our Brother will permit us, we desire to remark that the following words, under the caption, "Cuba," are rather sweeping. Our Brother says: "We are satisfied that there is no view in which the Grand Lodge of Cuba can be regarded as having the least claim to legitimacy, or to being anything more or better than a schismatic body, and that as such it ought to be repudiated." He seems to found this sweeping denunciation of Cuba upon Worshipful Brother DRUMMOND, of Maine, and Worshipful Brother WHEELER, of Connecticut. While we pay homage to both, we have too frequently expressed our opinion of Most Worshipful Brother DRUMMOND to reiterate it now. We respectfully suggest to Worshipful Brother WAIT that neither of these distinguished Brethren is an infallible authority in Masonry. If Worshipful Brother WAIT has investigated this subject for himself, investigated it in the spirit of devotion to the principles of sound Masonic jurisprudence, we may accept his broad statement as indicating evidence of his inability to grasp the broad questions involved, for had he been able do so, we cannot believe that his assertion that "the Grand Lodge of Cuba has not the least claim to legitimacy," or that "it is anything more or better than a schismatic body," could be justified by such examination. His report is highly creditable to him; it is a gratification to read it. Our Brother's reference to the Grand Lodge of Quebec in its controversy with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, we therefore read with much interest. The reflection we make on its perusal is, that our most esteemed and respected Brother WAIT has not yet been dazzled by the Masonic light from either Brother DRUMMOND or Brother WHEELER on this subject.



## NEW JERSEY.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Freehold, N. J., June 28, 1878, being the one hundredth anniversary of the battle of Monmouth; Most Worshipful Brother MARSHALL B. SMITH, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THOS. H. R. REDWAY, Deputy Grand Secretary. Five Past Grand Masters were present. They proceeded to the site of the Monument to lay the corner-stone.

The Ninety-second Annual Grand Communication was held at Trenton, January 22, 1879; Most Worshipful Brother MARSHALL B. SMITH, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH H. HOUGH, Grand Secretary.

Right Worshipful Brother MICHAEL NISBET, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, was present, and welcomed with Masonic honors. Right Worshipful Brother E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, Junior Grand Warden, and several other Grand Officers of Pennsylvania, were present, and received with like honors.

The address of Grand Master SMITH is markedly in accordance with his Masonic character. The Grand Master appropriately refers to the laying of the corner-stone of the Monument at the battle-field of Monmouth, on June 28th ult. He notices in the conclusion of his address the nature of the office of Grand Master, which in the main we cordially approve. We commend this portion of his address to the fraternal consideration of the Craft. The duties and responsibilities of a Right Worshipful Grand Master are onerous and highly responsible. Presiding at Communications of the Craft, he is subordinate only to the Landmarks, usages and customs of the Fraternity. He is not governed by what is known as Parliamentary law. He is obedient only to the law of Masonry. His decisions can only be reversed by the Craft in Grand Lodge duly assembled. When the Grand Lodge is not in session, his decision and edicts are the supreme law. It is his duty, enforced upon him by the highest of all human authorities, to govern the

Craft according to Masonic Landmarks, usages and customs. He cannot be called in question. Once installed and invested with Masonic power, he is responsible only to God and the Grand Lodge. He should be wise, prudent, learned, patient, conciliatory, courageous. Entrusted with such power, bound by such obligations, he should administer his high office without prejudice and without partiality. Having consecrated his official Masonic life to the perpetuation of the principles of Freemasonry, he should be actuated by the noblest virtue, the truest integrity, the courage accompanying convictions of right. And if the Craft advisedly acted in his selection to fill the Oriental Chair, they should cheerfully accept this interpretation of the immemorial and traditional characteristics of its prerogatives.

Right Worshipful Brother HAMILTON WALLIS was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH H. HOUGH was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Worshipful Brother JAMES H. NORTON, Chairman of Committee. It is a clear, concise and satisfactory report.

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## NEW YORK.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninety-eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at New York, June 3, 1879; Most Worshipful Brother EDMUND L. JUDSON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JAMES M. AUSTIN, M. D., Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Brother JUDSON delivered his annual address. He refers to the laying of the corner-stone of the Custom-House, at Albany; also to "exterior relations," and mentions the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Lodges of Germany, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec. He states that a similar question to that between Scotland and Quebec exists between Dakota and Minnesota, but suggests that the whole subject is treated in the Report of the Committee on



Foreign Correspondence. The Hall and Asylum Fund appears to be in a favorable condition. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. SIMONS presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence, which was ordered to be printed. The Grand Lodge then elected Right Worshipful Brother General CHARLES ROOME, Grand Master, and re-elected Brother Doctor AUSTIN, Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. SIMONS, Past Grand Master, installed the Grand Officers elect. The Committee on Jurisprudence made a report, which seems a little mixed, partaking of the functions of all sorts of committees, particularly of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence. A full report is given of the laying of the corner-stone of the Capitol at Albany.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, from the pen of our highly esteemed Brother, JOHN W. SIMONS, Past Grand Master. It is not necessary to say that all that comes from his Masonic pen is of the highest value. His notice of Pennsylvania is fraternal. We have been anxious, we admit, to follow the teachings of our Brother on all subjects of Masonic jurisprudence, so far as relates to those highly important questions of Foreign Correspondence. We regard Brother SIMONS as one of the most learned and conservative of Masonic writers. It is, therefore, only in deference to our convictions that we differ from Past Grand Master Simons. True it is not often, but rarely as it may happen, it causes us critically to investigate the points on which we fail to agree. So much depends on a strict construction of that law of Masonry which is its only controlling power, that care should be taken not unadvisedly to express opinions that will not bear the test of analysis. This is our mind, and we express it.

There seems to be a disposition in the Grand Lodge of New York to become, voluntarily we admit, the especial indicator of Masonic action, or course of action on subjects of general Masonic concernment. We may be in error, but this impression is made on reading the Proceedings of this

Grand Lodge. Whatever of prominence New York as a State or a city may seek to secure, in Masonry, its Masonic influence is limited within the boundaries of its ability to maintain, explain, interpret and defend the principles, antiquity, origin and landmarks of the Fraternity. The primary teaching, that they are the truest Masons who best work and best agree, applies to Grand Lodges.

We rejoice to see that Most Worshipful Grand Master, General CHARLES ROOME has been elevated to the Grand East. The Craft in the United States will, with us, congratulate the Craft in New York that their esteemed, valued, worthy Brother AUSTIN still holds the affection and respect of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of New York among his rarest jewels, as his re-election signally shows.

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## NORTH CAROLINA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Ninety-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Raleigh, December 3, 1878; Most Worshipful Brother HORACE A. MUNSON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother DONALD W. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master has nothing requiring special notice, except so much as refers to the Grand Orient of France, and his remarks on that subject are eminently Masonic. Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM R. COX was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother BAIN was re-elected Grand Secretary. We are pleased to notice that the Oxford Orphan Asylum appears to be in a flourishing condition. The pamphlet before us is very full of domestic information, and shows that the Grand Lodge is in a healthful and harmonious condition. There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.



## NOVA SCOTIA.

PROCEEDINGS of Emergent Communication held at Truro, July 7, 1877, Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. LAURIE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful BENJ. CURREN, Grand Secretary. This Communication was convened for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Normal School of Truro.

Proceedings of Thirteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Halifax, June 15, 1878; same Grand Officers. The annual address of Most Worshipful Brother LAURIE refers to the Grand Lodge of Canada. We observe the following in his address: "Owing to the retention of the title 'Grand Lodge of Canada' by the Grand Lodge which really has jurisdiction only in the province of Ontario, much apprehension exists as to our position and standing. The title 'Grand Lodge of the Province of Nova Scotia' is readily perverted to that of 'Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,' and as Nova Scotia is politically a part of Canada, so it is at once assumed that our Grand Lodge holds under the jurisdiction of the so-called Grand Lodge of Canada." The Grand Master also refers to the Grand Orient of France, and we like his remarks in regard to it. Brother JOHN W. LAURIE was re-elected Grand Master, and Brother Curren Grand Secretary. The Grand Lodge cut off all communication with the Grand Orient of France.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from Worshipful Brother A. H. CROWE. Our Worshipful Brother deserves great credit for his remarkable modesty, and the remarks he makes at his "conclusion," are very just. He is entitled to the same credit that any other of his compeers are, for he has performed his duty as he understood it. His notice of Pennsylvania is all that is desired.

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 OHIO.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Dayton, October 15, 1878, Most Worshipful

Brother W. M. CUNNINGHAM, Grand Master; Right Worshipful JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.

We cannot refrain from making the remark on opening this volume of Proceedings, that its size and proportion are in strong contrast with some like printed Proceedings of other years. We agree with the Grand Master in the "general suggestions" that Annual Communications are not for legislative purposes only, and that many evils to Grand Lodges, and possibly to Ohio, are referable to hasty legislation; and we are gratified to know "that this Grand Lodge has ever maintained as high a standard of deliberative excellence, Masonic conservatism, and the recognition of the individual rights of its members, as attained by any other Masonic Grand Body of which I [Grand Master] have any knowledge." Brother W. M. CUNNINGHAM was re-elected Grand Master, and our esteemed Brother JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.

The Report of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, on decisions of Grand Master held, that it is improper to furnish a transcript from the minutes of a Lodge journal for uses in the Courts, *unless required by the Courts*. We think the less that Lodges of Freemasons have to do with Courts the better.

The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is printed on two pages of the pamphlet. The want of funds explains why our most esteemed Brother has foregone the pleasure of printing a report mostly prepared, mainly historical, as to Masonry in New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Louisiana. While we miss those startling Masonic eccentricities which former reports have contained, we may add, with entire and profound respect for our esteemed Brother, the Chairman of that Committee, that he has thus given to his confreres, Chairmen of like Committees of other Grand Lodges, an opportunity for repose, which will enable them to receive at some future day his contributions to Masonic literature.



PROCEEDINGS of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ohio, at Seventieth Annual Communication, held at Melodeon Hall, Cincinnati, October 21, 1879; Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, Grand Master, presiding.

There was a very large attendance of the Craft, as the "credential list" attests.

We regret to see that Most Worshipful Brother COPE, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, found his health disabled him to attend to the arduous duties of that position. The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed Right Worshipful Brother RICHARD P. MARVIN, JR., to fill the vacancy. We have a presentiment that our Right Worshipful Brother will become a special favorite with the Committees of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodges of the Craft, for there is in the *surname* an attractive influence, we at least feel.

The Grand Master shows by his address a vast amount of labor, faithfully and diligently performed, as it reads, well described and forcibly.

The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence was necessarily but a note of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges received, as the preparatory remarks of the report satisfactorily explain.

The pamphlet copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, contains on its frontispiece a likeness of our highly esteemed Most Worshipful Brother JOHN D. CALDWELL. We recognized the excellent likeness with pleasure. Though we cannot agree in some of the most remarkable views of our most Worshipful Brother, yet we entertain for him the strongest fraternal regard, and his face, as we look on it, draws from us the tribute to earnest, if mistaken opinion.

The Most Worshipful Brother REUBEN C. LEMMON was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.

## OREGON.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at Portland, June 10, 1877; Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT CLOW, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother R. P. EARHEART, Grand Secretary.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present.

Most Worshipful Brother CLOW's address touches upon no subject that we need mention, except his reference to the so-called Grand Orient of France, the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and the so-called Grand Lodge of Colon. The Grand Master says, that having appointed a Representative near the Grand Lodge of Cuba, he will take no notice of the Grand Lodge of Colon. The Grand Representative of from the Grand Orient of Spain presented his credentials and was accepted: on what principle of Masonic law is not stated.

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as related to the Grand Orient of France, cuts off all connection with it. The same Grand Officers were re-elected.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that they were not prepared to take action on New South Wales. On the installation of the Grand Officers, Brother H. H. GILFRY delivered an oration, which deserves more than passing reading.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Brother S. F. CHADWICK, Chairman. Pennsylvania's Proceedings were not received in time for the report, but will be noticed next year.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Portland, June 9, 1879; Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT CLOW, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother EARHEART, Grand Secretary. Eight Past Grand Masters were present.

Under the head of "Foreign Relations," the Most Wor-



shipful Grand Master calls attention to the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and appointed Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Spain and the Grand Lodge of Idaho. Right Worshipful Brother R. P. EARHEART was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother I. W. PRATT Secretary.

A special Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was rendered by Brother S. F. Chadwick, Chairman. The Committee having recognized the Grand Lodge of Cuba, they are not prepared to take any action as to New South Wales. The same Committee make a report as to the death of Past Grand Master WHEELER, of Tennessee, at Memphis, and a just eulogy as to his character. Right Worshipful and Reverend Brother J. R. N. BELL, Grand Orator, delivered an oration at the installation of the Grand Officers.

The general Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from Most Worshipful Brother S. F. CHADWICK, Chairman. It is a concise paper, and quotes from the address of Right Worshipful Grand Master NISBET.

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## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of regular Communication, held at Charlottetown, June 24, 1878; Right Worshipful Brother ADAM MURRAY, Deputy Grand Master, presiding; Right Worshipful Brother B. WILSON HIGGS, Grand Secretary.

We observe at this Communication a resolution adopted unanimously that "the officers elected and installed at the Annual Communication in February last, hold office until the next Annual Communication, June, 1879; Grand Lodge having changed the time of the Annual Communication to June." We merely note this because, as we understand it, there was no necessity for such a resolution according to Masonic law, because all Grand Officers at their installation

are required to hold until their successors are duly qualified. The only importance of this matter is to notice it, lest a precedent be established in contravention of a Landmark.

A Special Communication was held at Summerside, July 19, 1879; Most Worshipful Brother JOHN YEO, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILSON HIGGS, Grand Secretary.

The Fourth Annual Communication was held at Charlottetown, June 24, 1879; Most Worshipful Brother JOHN YEO, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILSON HIGGS, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland recognized the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, subject to certain restrictions. The Grand Master appointed a Committee to make a suitable reply, declining to accept such a recognition. In the address of Grand Master YEO at the Fourth Annual Communication, there is nothing to notice. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the Grand Secretary. In this report he refers to the provisional recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, reports a reply on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, and he notices the Grand Lodges from which Proceedings were received. There is no general report from the Committee.

We hope the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island will take such final action on its conditional recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as will put the case plainly before the Grand Lodge of the United States.

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## RHODE ISLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication held at Providence, R. I., June, 1878, for the purpose of constituting Redwood Lodge, No. 35; Most Worshipful CHARLES R. CUTLER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother EDWIN BAKER, Grand Secretary.



A Special Communication was held at Lonsdale, June 15, 1878, for the purpose of constituting Unity Lodge, No. 34. Same Grand Officers.

Semi-Annual Communication was held at Providence, November 18, 1878. Same Grand Officers.

A Special Communication was held at Providence, March 24, 1879, called to take action on the revision of the Constitution.

A Special Communication was held at Providence, May 15, 1879, same Grand Officers, called to dedicate a Masonic Hall in the town of Westerly.

The Eighty-ninth Annual Grand Communication was held at Providence, May 19, 1879. Same Grand Officers.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Reverend and Worshipful Brother HENRY W. RUGG. Our esteemed Brother, referring to Cuba, says, that two years ago it was acknowledged, and one year ago the action was approved. Our Brother recognizes the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, protests against the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in invading the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, recognizes the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and is unprepared to take any action in the case of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

The Library Committee acknowledges the receipt of the Proceedings of the several Grand Lodges, including Pennsylvania for 1878. There is no general Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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## SCOTLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communications held at Edinburgh, May 1, 1879, Most Worshipful the Substitute Grand Master Brother Colonel A. C. CAMPBELL on the throne; Right Worshipful Brother D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary.

Like its Sister Grand Lodge of England, its printed Proceedings contain but little of any interest whatever, except to those who can understand them. We find that the Proceedings of Pennsylvania were received, among others, and "accepted with thanks." The Grand Secretary "tabled the letter" from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana withdrawing its representative, and also one from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, declining its recognition.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held at Edinburgh, August 7, 1879, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason Brother Sir MICHAEL R. SHAW-STEWART, Bart., on the throne; Right Worshipful Brother D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary.

An application was made for the recognition of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, which was granted, subject to certain restrictions.

We particularly ask attention to the remarks we have made in the preface of this report to the action of this Grand Lodge, invading as it has the sovereign jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; but we take occasion here to emphasize our understanding of this conditional recognition of other Grand Lodges, as set out in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and Grand Lodge of British Columbia. We regard such conditional recognition as very little better than preposterous. If a Grand Lodge is to be recognized as a Supreme Sovereign body, the *recognition* means in Masonic language that it is such a Supreme Sovereign Masonic authority; but if the Grand Lodge of Scotland wishes it to be understood that by her *conditional* recognition she can take from such Grand Lodge part of her Supreme Sovereignty, then such recognized Grand Lodge is a subordinate of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. This is the logical conclusion from this qualified recognition. Put in plain words, the Grand Lodge of Scotland says to a Grand Lodge asking recognition, "yes, we will recognize you as a Supreme Sovereign Masonic authority, provided you don't attempt to exercise such Sovereign



Masonic authority over certain Lodges in your jurisdiction.” We applaud the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island for its rejection of any such recognition, and however it may be regarded by our Brethren in Scotland, we desire for the harmony of the Craft in the Grand Lodges of the United States, most fraternally and affectionately to say to our Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that the action of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island will be by them unanimously endorsed.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA.

PROCEEDINGS of Annual Grand Communication, held at Charleston, December 10, 1878 ; Most Worshipful Brother B. W. BALL, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master’s address makes a brief reference to the difficulties between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland, and refers to the able and comprehensive Report of the Grand Secretary on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother AUGUSTINE Y. SMYTHE was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother INGLESBY was elected Grand Secretary. Worshipful Brother WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE, Past Grand Master, having been invited to deliver an address before the Grand Lodge, at this Communication, did deliver it—a most admirable and interesting historical account of Masonry in South Carolina, which we hope will be preserved in the archives of all our sister Grand Lodges for reference. It claims that the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was the first *independent* Grand Lodge on the continent of North America. It became independent in December, 1776.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the Grand Secretary, and is affirmed by the Grand Master in his address. It is an able and exhaustive paper,

and comes up to our view of what should constitute such a report. We thank our Brother for his kind notice of Pennsylvania, and remark that if our interpretation of Most Worshipful Brother DE SAUSSURE's notice of Pennsylvania work is too broad, we are glad to find that it is attributed to our modesty. We have long believed that the Craft in Pennsylvania might occasionally suffer from this vice, and the fraternal suggestion of our highly esteemed Brother INGLESBY is therefore the more keenly felt. We join with our Brother in offering him our most courteous and fraternal consideration, which he pre-eminently merits.

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## TENNESSEE.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixty-fifth Annual Communication, held at Nashville, November 11, 1878 ; Most Worshipful Brother AMERICUS V. WARR, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother FRIZZELL, Grand Secretary.

Brother JOHN McCLELLAND, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was present. The Grand Master's address has reference to his own jurisdiction, and copies the proclamation of the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec as to Scotland, and also the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in regard to it, condemns Scotland, and leaves the whole matter in the hands of the Grand Lodge. Brother GEORGE C. CONNER was elected Grand Master, and Brother JOHN FRIZZELL was re-elected Grand Secretary. The Grand Lodge Committee on the Grand Lodge of Scotland made a report, resolving that Brother GEORGE S. BLACKIE, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, be requested to correspond with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, admonishing her that the continuance of her course would disrupt the relations between the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and the Grand Lodge of Scotland.



Brother FRIZZELL, Grand Secretary, makes a report of a page upon the subject of Foreign Correspondence. We do not agree with him that it was fortunate he did not make any further report.

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## TEXAS.

PROCEEDINGS of Forty-third Annual Grand Communication, held at Houston, December 12, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother NORTON MOSES, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE H. BRINGHURST, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address refers to the fact that "two of our Past Grand Masters and the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence have been called from Labor to Rest."

Past Grand Master Brother J. D. GIDDINGS was born in Susquehanna County, Pa., in 1814, moved to Texas in 1837, was made a Mason at Milan Lodge, No. 11, at Independence, and was a charter member of Lodge, No. 20, of which he was Past Master. He was elected Grand Master in 1874, and died in 1878.

We endorse every word of the Grand Master's address upon granting dispensations to Lodges to appear in public processions.

We deplore, oh, how sincerely we deplore, the fact that the Grand Lodge of Texas has asked, or recognizes, the political authority of that State, to incorporate a Masonic institution. From the report of special committee on the incorporation of the Grand Lodge, it is evident that mischief may come into the Grand Body in this political act for its incorporation, or amendments to its incorporation. We earnestly protest against connecting Masonry with any political power of the State, especially when it is sought to obtain rights and privileges from such power. As we have said, time and time again, "Masonry is a law unto itself;" it antedates all political powers of the present day; it is older than all gov-

ernments known in history ; it had its birth in the aforetime, and it was developing in life, health and vigor when the ages were young. Why should such an institution ask aid or assistance from any political power ? From what kingdom, empire, nation, confederation or federation can Freemasonry seek security, protection or aid ? Let us keep Masonry separate and distinct in all its relations from the profane. Rather let it be the glory of the Craft that it has the power to give stability to all governments, because it teaches those divine and holy tenets that properly enable each citizen to say, "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's."

Right Worshipful Brother JOHN B. JONES was elected Grand Master ; Brother BRINGHURST was re-elected Grand Secretary.

In taking up the Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, we are met with this melancholy refrain : "*And he died.*" Touchingly and beautifully has our distinguished Brother E. H. CUSHING, Chairman of the Committee, paid his tribute to the memory of his departed predecessor. It is with melancholy satisfaction that we ask to be permitted to unite our lamentation with that of the Craft of Texas, at the death of Brother LIKENS. What, oh ! what, could be a more fitting epitaph for the highest and the noblest of the sons of man, than the words Brother CUSHING has inscribed upon the tomb of our departed Brother. But we must express our gratification at the mode in which Brother CUSHING has fulfilled his duty as the Chairman of this Committee. We trust he will long hold its editorial pen.

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## UTAH.

PROCEEDINGS of Seventh Annual Grand Communication, held at Salt Lake City, November 12, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN SHAW SCOTT, Grand Master, Right Worshipful CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary.



The address of the Grand Master is a remarkably clever production. Brother THOMAS EDWARD CLOHECY was elected Grand Master, and Brother DIEHL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Most Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, and is highly creditable to his good judgment, accuracy and industry. His notice of Pennsylvania is all that is desired ; we thank him for the brevity with which he extends to us his fraternal regards, and we beg to return him our fraternal salutations.

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## VIRGINIA.

Annual Communication, held at Richmond, December 1, 1878, Right Worshipful Brother B. R. WELLFORD, JR., Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother W. B. ISAACS, Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Brother WELLFORD, in his address to the Grand Lodge, makes some opening remarks of great beauty. He notices the deaths of two Past Grand Masters, Brothers McDANIEL and OWENS ; he refers to the death of Past Master Brother Doctor WELLFORD and Past Master Brother WILLIAM WILLIS, both of whom died at their post of duty in the country lately afflicted with the epidemic. We desire to notice one of the Grand Master's decisions : "That a Lodge could not compel a Brother to testify in any Masonic trial when he stated that his only information about the matter was received under the pledge of Masonic confidence." We take occasion to remark on this decision, as it concerns the whole Craft. We regard it as sound Masonic law. He refers to Communications received from the Grand Lodge of Cuba and that of Colon. He asks the attention of the Grand Lodge to the only proper source of information upon these subjects—the Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

He is gratified to state that the Monument to our late venerable and venerated Brother JOHN DOVE, is completed. He notices the formation by some of the Brethren, of a Virginia Historical and Masonic Library Association, and highly commends it. He states that at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, attention was called to the interesting fact that this year marks the Centennial of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The subject was referred to a Committee to report upon a proper celebration. The Committee reported that they did not feel that under existing circumstances such a celebration could be had as would do justice to the occasion. Upon this subject we ask to quote the following remarks from the Grand Master:

“At the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, the attention of the Grand Lodge was called to the interesting fact that this year marks the Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The propriety and manner of making any formal celebration of this interesting event was referred to a Committee, consisting of your Grand Master and Wardens. The subject received the proper consideration, but the Committee did not feel that under existing circumstances any such celebration could have been undertaken which would do justice to the occasion and be satisfactory to the Grand Lodge.

It would afford us all infinite pleasure to welcome to our midst, Brethren from other Jurisdictions who might feel impelled to mingle their congratulations with ours upon such an auspicious occasion; and in view of the past history of our good old Mother we have full right to make merry and be glad over our inheritance. We have indeed a glorious past, my Brethren, and woe betide that man, if any there be among us, who would not cherish and perpetuate its memory. One hundred years ago, in the month of October, 1778, the Representatives of four Lodges assembled in the city of Williamsburg to inaugurate the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The spontaneous choice of the Craft for the office of Grand Master was none other than GEORGE WASHINGTON; but the imperious necessities of the war required his continued absence in the field, and the desire of the Brethren could not be gratified. The choice then fell upon JOHN BLAIR, one of the first appointed judges of the United States



Supreme Court. During the remaining score of years of the century, he was succeeded in the Grand East by JAMES MERCER, a Judge of the Court of Appeals of Virginia; EDMUND RANDOLPH, Governor of Virginia, and Attorney-General and Secretary of State of the United States during the administration of General WASHINGTON; JOHN MARSHALL, the world-renowned Chief Justice of the United States; and ROBERT BROOKE, Governor of Virginia.

These, my Brethren, were the Fathers of Virginia Masonry, and the Elder Brothers of all the children of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Have we not a right to gather around her with filial pride and count the jewels which sparkle in her diadem?"

A Special Report from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence refers to the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and Colon, and declined to recognize the Grand Lodge of Cuba. The same Committee declined to recognize the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The Grand Lodges of Indian Territory, New Mexico, Prince Edward Island, and Dakota were recognized. It enters its earnest protest against the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It respectfully declines to receive a Representative from the Grand Lodge of Spain. It takes no action as to the Grand Orient of France. Thus ends the Special Report of our esteemed Brother DRINKARD. Most Worshipful Brother BEVERLY RANDOLPH WELLFORD, JR., was re-elected Grand Master, and Brother ISAACS Grand Secretary. Proper notice was taken of the death of Past Grand Master Brother McDANIEL. The Grand Master then opened the Grand Lodge and stated the duty to be performed was the unveiling of the Monument to the memory of the late Grand Secretary DOVE. The ceremonies were very impressive. Proper notice was taken of the death of Past Grand Master Brother OWENS.

The general Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is by our esteemed Brother DRINKARD. He makes a judicious report. We thank him for his notice of our jurisdiction, and we are gratified to know that the Craft in that ancient and venerable jurisdiction of Virginia still continues to be a light and an example to the Fraternity.

## WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Olympia, June 4, 1879. Neither the Most Worshipful Grand Master, nor the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master was present. Official business as Governor of Territory required the Grand Master's presence elsewhere. At the request of Right Worshipful GEORGE W. DURGIN, Senior Grand Warden, Most Worshipful JAMES R. HAYDEN, Past Grand Master, took the gavel in the Grand East. The addresses of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were ordered to be printed when received. At the Communication on June 5, the Most Worshipful Grand Master presided. A special Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was made by Worshipful T. M. REED, Chairman. It recognizes the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. It takes no action as to New South Wales, except to report the subject back to the Grand Lodge, when the Grand Lodge recognized it.

Right Worshipful Brother OLIVER PERRY LACY was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS M. REED, Grand Secretary.

The general Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is by Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS M. REED, Chairman. It is a very satisfactory paper. His notice of Pennsylvania is fraternal. He quotes from Grand Master NISBET's address. We beg to extend to our Brother REED our fraternal thanks for his more than kind reference to ourself.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Wheeling, April 4, 1878, for the purpose of dedicating the Masonic Temple of Wheeling,; Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE BAIRD, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother ODELL S. LONG, Grand Secretary. The report of this dedication, we regret to say, is very meagre. Past Grand Master



Brother ROBERT WHITE made an address, which is described as eloquent and interesting.

A Special Communication was held at Grafton, June 24, 1878, to lay the corner-stone of a Masonic Hall. Same Grand Officers. The proceedings of this ceremony, like the former, are tantalizing in their paucity. Past Grand Master WHITE delivered the oration on that occasion.

A Special Communication was held at the mouth of White's Creek, October 25, 1878, for the laying of the corner-stone of a Masonic Hall. None of the Grand Officers were present. By virtue of a dispensation from the Grand Master, all the chairs were filled temporarily. Most Worshipful Brother H. F. BOWEN as Grand Master; Right Worshipful M. V. CHAPMAN as Grand Secretary. Brother JOHN T. JOHNSON delivered the oration.

The Fourteenth Annual Grand Communication was held at Wheeling, November 12, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE BAIRD, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother O. S. LONG, Grand Secretary. There is nothing special to notice in the address of the Grand Master, which refers to domestic questions. Most Worshipful Brother BAIRD was re-elected Grand Master, and Brother LONG, Grand Secretary.

Brother LONG, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a verbal report. He refers to the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, decides the Grand Lodge of Quebec right, and takes no action on the subject, hoping that the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be advised by better counsels. There is no other Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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## WISCONSIN.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirty-fifth Annual Grand Communication, held at Milwaukee, on June 10, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES F. G. COLLINS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN W. WOODHULL, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address refers to the deceased Brethren of that jurisdiction. He recognizes the violation by the Grand Lodge of Scotland of the well-settled principle of Masonic law, and proposes to recognize the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and concludes with some well chosen remarks addressed to the Craft in his jurisdiction. A jewel and apron were then presented to Past Grand Master COTRILL.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a supplemental report on the subject of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Quebec. It endorses the action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and refuses to recognize the members of any Lodge in the jurisdiction of Quebec that do not hail from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. It declines to recognize either Cuba or Colon. It recognizes the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and asks to have the question as to New South Wales re-referred to the Committee.

The general Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is by the same distinguished Brother JOHN W. WOODHULL, Grand Secretary. It is by far the most interesting part of the pamphlet Proceedings before us. The opening of his report is charming for its novelty, and indeed the whole report may be most highly commended. He notices the Pennsylvania Proceedings of 1878. We are no way particular, nor are we anywise sensitive, nor will it make the least difference to any human being on the face of the earth, and on the centennial anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin the matter will never be mentioned, but still, for the sake of true lexicographical, personal nomenclature, our forefathers, for tens of decades, spelled VAUX, V-A-U-X. We know Wisconsin is liberal, generous, open-hearted, but its waste of the letter *e* is unnecessary. We trust our Right Worshipful Brother WOODHULL will eliminate that *e* out of Veaux. His notice of Pennsylvania is very kind, very full, and very judicious. It refers to acting Grand Master NISBET's address as excellent, and commends his refusal to allow Lodges to appear in public on the occasions he mentions. We accept as lavish in its earnestness



his reference to our notice of his report of 1878. Just let us know when you come to Philadelphia, my dear Brother, and we will do all we can to make your visit pleasant, to embrace you as an earnest, sincere, faithful, able coadjutor, and try to secure some wholesome libation, no—liquid, no—solvent, no, no!—salve, to restore your knuckles to their normal condition. We trust our dearly respected Brother will accept this as the sincere expression of our Masonic affection.

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### WYOMING.

PROCEEDINGS of Forty-first Annual Grand Communication held at Rawlins, October 8, 1878. Most Worshipful Brother ORLANDO NORTH, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM G. TOWN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address refers tersely to local questions.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and ordered to be printed. A special report in regard to Cuba, Scotland and Quebec, was rendered. The report cannot see any reason why the Grand Lodge of Cuba was not regularly organized. It affirms the American doctrine as to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and stands by our sister Grand Lodge of Quebec. The general Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Worshipful Brother WM. G. TOWN, Chairman. His report is a clever paper, diffuse when necessity requires it, concise when he feels like it. Pennsylvania is mentioned, but not noticed. Our esteemed Brother says we do not recognize the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, but he cites no authority for that remark. Our reports show that it was recognized at the June Communication of this Grand Lodge in 1875. Our esteemed Brother says Wyoming is noticed. At all events our notice of Wyoming occupies seventeen lines, while his notice of Pennsylvania, of 1877, occupies eight lines. But then we cheerfully admit that he can say more in eight lines than

we can in eighteen. Will our Brother permit us to offer him our fraternal salutations.

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NOTE.—There are upon the table of the Committee a number of printed communications from various bodies claiming to be Masonic. Under the rule long established by this Committee, unless the examination of these papers justifies the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in establishing Masonic relations with them, they are not particularly and separately noticed. As to some of them this Committee has had occasion to devote careful thought and investigation. Those who are familiar with the policy of this Grand Lodge are aware that she has never made haste in deciding or determining questions of Masonic law, and recognition of foreign Grand Lodges, which might leave room for a just fear that from such hasty action trouble might intervene. Pennsylvania holds in so high esteem Masonic recognition of sister Grand Lodges, that she desires such recognition should impart the fullest and most unreserved acknowledgment of their supreme, sovereign, Masonic authority. The prerequisites for such an acknowledgment must, therefore, in her opinion be plumb, level and square with the fundamental doctrines of Masonic law. The absence of particular notice therefore, now, means only this, that as yet in regard to each and all of them, this Committee does not feel itself justified in asking the action of the Grand Lodge in regard to them. Pennsylvania quietly, unostentatiously and earnestly desires to make paramount that wise Masonic conservatism which hesitates to accept what is doubtful, improvident, or new, at the risk of impairing what is ancient, established and of good repute. She may be open to criticism, by this course, but she hopes not for censure. Her singular satisfaction will be found in the acknowledged character she will strive to maintain, that no act of hers may bring discord into this glorious, and indestructible, and God-blest family of the Masonic Grand Lodges.



## CONCLUSION.

Thus have we devoted hours, pleasant hours, to the review of the Grand Lodges whose Proceedings have received our careful attention. We rejoice to see in them, and by them, that Masonry round the globe is prosperous and harmonious, and challenging the respect of the profane. There are some places, it is true, where we wish we could apply these remarks, but it may be that the lesson and teaching of these exceptions will have a salutary effect upon the Craft to warn them to avoid errors. Our present converse with our Brethren of Committees of Foreign Correspondence has been to us, the highest gratification. We take deep interest in witnessing the methods they each of them have adopted in the performance of their respective duties. We doubt if the closest investigator, using the highest lens that envy can manufacture, will be able to discover one unkind thought in all the pages of all the pamphlets containing these Proceedings. We doubt if in any human institution having such varied and extended foreign relations, the like can be said. We feel towards our Brethren, Chairmen of Committees of Foreign Correspondence, that personal regard and esteem which bind us together in the chain of Masonic friendship. And so we close this labor of Masonic love. And yet there is an important acknowledgment to be made, an acknowledgment richly merited, for labors, for encouragement, to which this Report is more indebted for its value than any participation we have had in its preparation. We refer to our esteemed Brother, Past Master CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, who, during these many, many hours, devoted to this task, has rendered a service for which we here make our personal and fraternal acknowledgments.

RICHARD VAUX, P. G. M.,

*Chairman Committee of Foreign Correspondence.*











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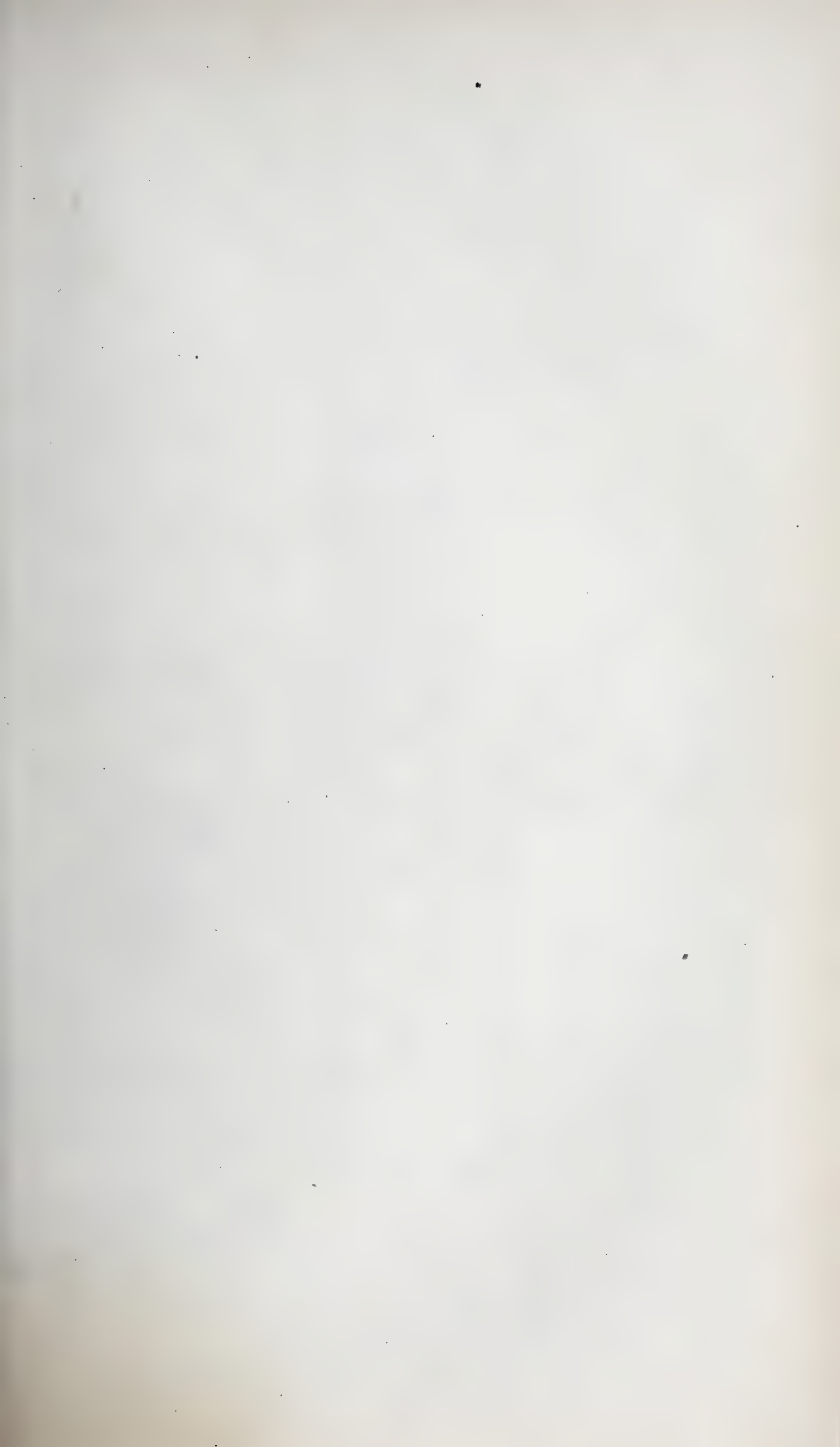
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# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadélphia, March 3d, A. D. 1880, A. L. 5880.

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### PRESENT:

- Bro. MICHAEL NISBET, - *R. W. Grand Master.*  
“ CONRAD B. DAY, - *R. W. Senior Grand Warden,*  
*acting R. W. Deputy Grand Master.*  
“ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL, - *R. W. Junior Grand Warden,*  
*acting R. W. Senior Grand Warden.*  
“ CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, *R. W. Junior Grand Warden,*  
*pro tem.*  
“ THOMAS R. PATTON, - *R. W. Grand Treasurer.*  
“ JOHN THOMSON, - *R. W. Grand Secretary.*
- “ WILLIAM CHATLAND, -  
“ THOS. S. MCNAIR, -  
“ JACOB F. QUILLMAN, -  
“ JOHN M. CLAPP, -  
“ JOHN A. WEAVER, -  
“ JOSEPH EICHBAUM, -  
“ GEORGE A. JENKS, -  
“ ELBERT P. JONES, -  
“ HENRY BAUMGARDNER,  
“ JOHN J. WADSWORTH,  
“ JOHN G. BOBB, -
- } *D. D. Grand Masters.*

Bro. JOHN THOMSON, - -	}	<i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ RICHARD VAUX, -		
“ ALFRED R. POTTER, -		
“ SAMUEL C. PERKINS,		
“ RICHARD VAUX, -	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illinois, South Carolina, Alabama, Texas, Minnesota, and Wash- ington Territory.</i>
“ SAMUEL C. PERKINS,		
“ ALFRED R. POTTER,	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Louisi- ana.</i>
“ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,		
“ CHARLES E. MEYER,	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Manitoba.</i>
“ AUGUSTUS R. HALL,		
“ JOHN CURTIS, -	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i>
“ MICHAEL ARNOLD,		
“ E. HARPER JEFFRIES,	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i>
	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i>
	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.</i>
	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i>
	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.</i>

One hundred and two Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 6 o'clock 20 minutes, P. M.

Communication from Lodge No. — was read complaining of the action of Lodge No. — in initiating a resident of Lewistown without the consent of Lodge No. —, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.



The Right Worshipful Grand Master stated he had been informed that in Lodge No. —, the Worshipful Master of said Lodge had been installed by Bro. ——— in the presence of the Lodge.

He submitted a letter from the District Deputy Grand Master on the subject.

Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX moved that a special committee of five be appointed to inquire into and report what penalty should be inflicted if the complaint be true, which was agreed to.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers JAMES HERDMAN, GETER C. SHIDLE, CHARLES A. BATCHELOR, DEWITT C. CARROLL and JOSEPH L. LYTLE on said committee.

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals in the case of Bro. ——— against the action of Lodge No. —, made the following report, which was read, and, on motion, the accompanying resolution was adopted:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge:*

In the matter of the appeal of Brother ———, against the action of Lodge No. —.

The Committee on Appeals has fully considered the single question raised by this applicant, and asks leave respectfully to present the following report:

There were certain business relations in the nature of a partnership between Brother ——— and Brother ———. On the voluntary termination of these relations, it was agreed that all partnership affairs should be left to arbitrators finally to adjust. It appeared that some patent and patent rights were owned by these partners as

individuals, and to the complete settlement of this partnership, Brother ———— and Brother ———— had an understanding that these patents should be submitted to the arbitrators for their consideration while engaged in deciding on the subjects referred to them. That some such understanding did exist, is asserted by Brother ————, but the formal paper, submitting the partnership affairs to the arbitrators makes no mention of the patent rights. The arbitrators did not consider them, and they filed in Court their final award. Brother ———— by his counsel applied to the Court to open the award on account of this omission. Bro. ———— made an affidavit that he did not agree that the patents should be submitted.

Two affidavits were then presented to the Court in which was shown that such was the understanding, as might probably have existed between the partners before the final paper was signed by them. The Court refused to open the award on these affidavits, and it became final.

Brother ———— then made charges against Brother ————, in Lodge No. —, one of which was for perjury. The Lodge Committee heard the case and reported to the Lodge that the perjury was by the testimony sustained.

The Lodge heard all the evidence taken before the Committee read, and after full deliberation, reversed the Committee and refused to adopt the report.

Brother ———— now appeals to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge against the error of Lodge No. —.

There has not been any legal proceedings brought against Brother ———— for this alleged crime. The Court and the Lodge have failed to see that perjury was committed.

Your Committee governed by the unanimous action of the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, December, 1876, in a case in which perjury was charged against a Brother, and relying on the principles set out in the report of that case, finds that Lodge, No. —, has acted in this matter in all respects within the rule established by this Grand Lodge, and its action in the matter on which



this appeal is taken cannot be reversed, and your Committee are unanimously of opinion, it ought not be set aside, as no error appears on the record.

It is due to the Secretary of Lodge No. —, thus markedly to commend the most accurate and admirably prepared record in this case which came before your Committee.

The Committee offer the following resolution, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Brother ———— be dismissed.

For the Committee,

Signed,

RICHARD VAUX,

*Chairman.*

FEBRUARY 5, 1880.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals in the case of Bro. ———— against the action of Lodge No. — made the following report, which was read, and on motion the accompanying resolution was adopted.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge :*

In the matter of the appeal of Brother ———— against the action of ———— Lodge No. —.

This case presents certain conditions that require special notice.

The record as presented shows that on January 20, 1879, Bro. ———— addressed a petition to his Lodge asking to sever his connection with the Lodge, transmitting his dues up to date, and giving as his reasons, that certain members of the Lodge had been guilty of conduct unbecoming members of said Lodge, in their dealings with each other and with him.

At the same meeting of the Lodge the petition was referred to the Grievance Committee ; that was January 20, 1879.

At the meeting February 3, 1879, a summons was issued to Brother ———— to appear before the Committee. At

the meeting of July 7, 1879, the Secretary of the Lodge was instructed to notify the Committee to report.

At the meeting September 15, 1879, the Committee reported in substance that the complaint of Brother \_\_\_\_\_ was sustained as to one member of the Lodge.

At the meeting October 6, 1879, the Worshipful Master declared the whole proceedings irregular and un-Masonic under the decision of the Grand Lodge of December 6, 1871, and ordered his decision to be entered on the minutes.

At the meeting October 20, 1879, the Lodge accepted Brother \_\_\_\_\_'s request to sever his connection with the Lodge.

At the meeting of the Lodge, Nov. 17, 1879, a motion was made to reconsider Brother \_\_\_\_\_'s request to withdraw from the Lodge, said motion was laid over for two meetings, and at the meeting January 5, 1880, the Worshipful Master decided the motion out of order.

This is the last of the proceedings of the Lodge on this subject. Against the action of the Lodge Brother \_\_\_\_\_ appeals, and the appeal is before your Committee.

The Committee is unanimous in all its conclusions on this question, they can be thus stated :

The Lodge erred in not accepting the resignation of Brother \_\_\_\_\_ when it was presented, as his dues were paid and no charges existed against him.

The Lodge erred in sending the complaint of Brother \_\_\_\_\_ to a Committee of Grievance and not taking final action on the report of that Committee so far as to decide if the facts brought the charges within the precedent of the Grand Lodge, December, 1871.

The decision of the Worshipful Master does not appear on the record to be made either at the request of the Committee or of the Lodge, and the record leaves the whole question in such doubt as not to enable your Committee to decide if the Worshipful Master was, or was not in error.

The power of the Worshipful Master to make the decision is not questioned by this Committee if the facts sustain it.



Your Committee, therefore, on full deliberation, ask to offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Brother ————— be restored to membership in Lodge No. —, with instructions to prefer charges under the finding of the Committee on Grievance as set out in its report to the Lodge, in order that the facts may be made known on which the Worshipful Master made his decision, and that the record when completed be sent to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge for further action.

For the Committee,

RICHARD VAUX,

*Chairman.*

FEBRUARY 17, 1880.

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE.

The Committee on Temple reported, *inter alia*, the following, which was adopted :

“ *They would further report*: That owing to the serious defects in the ventilation of the Gothic Hall, by which the health of many is endangered, and the comfort of all meeting therein is seriously interfered with, and after several attempts had been made by this Committee to remedy the defects, which proved inefficient, all the bodies meeting in the Gothic Hall appointed committees who composed a joint committee. After several meetings and consultations with the best talent in the city, in their special departments, this joint committee has found plans for alterations which in the judgment of this Committee will effect the ventilation, render healthy the room and satisfy the occupants.

“The bodies occupying the Gothic Hall are willing to contribute all the funds necessary to make the alterations and refurnish the room. It is expected it will not exceed the sum of six thousand dollars.

“The bodies will be satisfied to receive a refund of ten per cent. per annum without interest.

“Your Committee take pleasure in adding that they have

had the benefit of the experience and advice of the Finance Committee in their consultations, and that they have given their unqualified approval of the whole matter, and feel we can safely return the ten per cent. per annum as above stated. We offer the following for your consideration, viz.:

*Resolved*, That when the bodies meeting in the Gothic Hall furnish and pay into the hands of the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, the sum of three thousand dollars, the Temple Committee be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to make contracts for alterations in the Gothic Hall, according to the plans and specifications furnished, and they are hereby empowered to draw orders on that fund in accordance with the terms of the contract for said alterations.

*Resolved*, That the above named bodies be required to pay a further sum of fifteen hundred dollars in thirty days after the first payment, and in sixty days after the first payment a still further sum of fifteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to completely finish and furnish the room.

*Resolved*, That ten per cent. per annum of the above sum of six thousand dollars (or so much thereof as may be required to complete the alterations named above), be refunded to the bodies contributing the same, provided no interest is charged or claimed by them thereon or allowed by the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

Signed,

WM. J. KELLY,  
SAMUEL W. WRAY,  
HIBBERT P. JOHN,  
HENRY K. SMITH,  
GODFREY KEEBLER,

*Committee.*

PHILADELPHIA, March 3, 1880.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock 10 minutes, P. M.

JOHN THOMSON,  
*Grand Secretary.*



# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, June 2d, A. D. 1880, A. L. 5880.

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### PRESENT:

Bro. MICHAEL NISBET,	-	-	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" CONRAD B. DAY,	-	-	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden,</i> <i>acting R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,	-	-	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden,</i> <i>acting R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA,	-	-	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden,</i> <i>pro tem.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON,	-	-	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	-	-	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" J. ALEX. SIMPSON,	-	-	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
" HENRY BAUMGARDNER,	}	<i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>	
" ROBERT L. MUENCH,			
" EDWARD H. SHEARER,			
" CHRISTOPHER LITTLE,			
" GEORGE C. DAVIS,			
" GEORGE S. SNYDER,			
" JOHN P. CLARK,			
" ALEXANDER M. LLOYD,			
" HARRISON T. BEARDSLEY,			
" FREDERICK WHITTLESEY,			
" GEORGE A. JENKS,			
" JOHN FOUNTAIN,			
" THOS. S. MCNAIR,	-	-	
" J. F. QUILLMAN,	-	-	

Bro. JOHN THOMSON, - -	}	<i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
" RICHARD VAUX, -		
" ROBERT A. LAMBERTON,		
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS,		
" ALFRED R. POTTER, -	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Il- linois, South Carolina, Alabama, Texas, Minne- sota, and Washington Territory.</i>
" RICHARD VAUX, -		
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS, -	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Louisiana.</i>
" ALFRED R. POTTER, -		
" CONRAD B. DAY, - -	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.</i>
" E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,		
" CHARLES E. MEYER, -	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i>
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL,		
" MICHAEL ARNOLD, -	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i>
" E. HARPER JEFFRIES, -		
	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.</i>

Ninety-seven Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock  
15 minutes, P. M.

A communication was received and read from the  
Worshipful Master, officers and a number of the  
members of Lodge No. 256, stating that in the terri-



ble fire which recently ravaged Milton, everything belonging to the Lodge was destroyed by fire, many of the members barely escaping with their clothes on their backs, losing everything else, asking the Grand Lodge to issue to them a Warrant in lieu of the one thereby destroyed.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the officers of this Grand Lodge be directed to furnish said Lodge with a Warrant in lieu of the one destroyed, and with copies of the Ahiman Rezon without charge, and that said Lodge have permission to apply to Lodges and Brethren in this Jurisdiction for pecuniary aid.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary reported that Lodge No. 480, whose Warrant was vacated December 3d, 1879, had paid its dues to the Grand Lodge.

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the vacation of the Warrant of Lodge No. 480 be rescinded, and that any work done by them since the date of said vacation be and the same is hereby healed.

A missive from Brother REUBEN C. LEMMON, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of Ohio, appointing Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Brother CONRAD B. DAY, the Representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was read, and, on motion, the missive was received, and Right Worshipful Brother CONRAD B. DAY was acknowledged as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio near this Grand Lodge.

The Special Committee appointed at the last Quarterly Communication to "inquire into and re-

port what penalty should be inflicted upon Brother ————, if the complaint against him be true," made the following report:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.*

Your Committee appointed to try the charges preferred against Brother ————, on the 3d March, 1880, met on May 11, adjourned until the 18th, when having heard all that was offered before them by the parties, do find from the evidence that Brother ———— is guilty of having installed the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. —, in a manner contrary to the usages of Freemasonry, and recommend that he be suspended.

Signed,

JAMES HERDMAN,  
JOS. LYLOND LYTLE,  
D. W. C. CARROLL,  
G. C. SHIDLE,  
CHAS. W. BATCHELOR.

PITTSBURGH, May 29, 1880.

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the report be received and the recommendation adopted.

Brother F. WHITTLESEY, District Deputy Grand Master, in consideration of the age and long service of Brother ———— to the Craft, moved that the vote of suspension just had be removed, and that said Brother be restored to good Masonic standing.

Brother EDWARD MATTHEWS, of No. 187, moved to postpone the further consideration of the motion to restore until the next Quarterly Communication.

After some discussion, Brother WHITTLESEY withdrew his motion.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master stated that his attention had been called to an advertisement



requesting any one desiring to join a Masonic Lodge, to address "L, 3 Ledger office."

That on investigation, it appeared that this advertisement emanated from the Junior Warden of Lodge No. —, who in reply to an answer to it offered as inducements less danger of a black ball than in some other Lodges, cheaper initiation, and a pleasant one, as he was one of the officers entrusted with that work.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master also stated that he had every reason to believe that Lodge No. —, was evading the clause in the Ahiman Rezon in reference to the fee for initiation by taking at par the stock in their Hall, which candidates could purchase at a less price. That he deemed it his duty to bring these subjects before the Grand Lodge that it might take such action as it deemed proper to maintain its authority, and preserve the ancient Landmarks of the Craft from innovation.

Brother EDWARD MATTHEWS moved that a special committee of five be appointed to inquire into the matter, and report to the Grand Lodge what action is necessary in the premises.

The motion was agreed to, and the Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX, Brothers EDWARD MATTHEWS, ARTHUR THACHER, MAX RIEBENACH and LOUIS WAGNER, said committee.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master MICHAEL NISBET announced the decease of Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT CLARK, which occurred since the last Communication.

Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS

read the following memorial, and offered the accompanying resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

*Right Worshipful Grand Master :*

Another vacancy in the number of Past Grand Masters, wont to take part in the labors of the Craft, admonishes us that death pauses not in his irresistible march. But a few days after the last Quarterly Communication, Brother ROBERT CLARK, who filled the Oriental Chair in this Grand Lodge during the years 1876 and 1877, died at his residence in this city. With a brief preliminary sketch of his career, I propose to offer for consideration of Grand Lodge such resolutions as shall mark the esteem in which during life he was held by his Brethren, and the regard with which his memory is cherished.

Past Grand Master ROBERT CLARK was born April 20, 1817, in what was then the separate municipal organization known as the District of Southwark, now part of the city of Philadelphia. His life as a citizen presents but little for comment or remark. Industrious, active, energetic as a business man, he took no special part in public life, and yet was interested in what concerned the welfare of the community of which he was a member. In the two organizations, the Southwark Soup Society, and the Southern Dispensary, whose influence and usefulness in the relief of the suffering humanity of that section of the city, have been very great, Brother CLARK early took an efficient interest, and actively promoted their objects. He succeeded an honored father in the Board of Managers of the Southern Dispensary, and in 1873 was elected President of the Institution, and held the office at the time of his death.

He was upright in character, kind and affectionate in his domestic relations, and a citizen whose life was a benefit to the community.

Brother CLARK was Initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, December 20, 1850, in Solomon's Lodge, No. 114, Philadelphia, Crafted January 17, 1851, and Raised February



21, 1851. In the following December he was elected Junior Warden, and in due course in the succeeding years, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master.

His ability and intelligent interest in the general affairs and welfare of the Craft, met with deserved and appreciative recognition, when, December 27, 1855, he was appointed by Grand Master PETER WILLIAMSON, a member of the Committee on Finance. He was reappointed each year except 1865, by the successive Grand Masters, until 1869, when the members of Grand Lodge elected him Junior Grand Warden. He was re-elected in December, 1870; elected Senior Grand Warden in 1871 and 1872; Deputy Grand Master in 1873 and 1874, and Right Worshipful Grand Master in 1875 and 1876.

There were no special or marked events in the history of the Fraternity in this jurisdiction during his administration. He was watchful and jealous for the honor and dignity and prosperity of the Craft, attentive to all the concerns affecting its welfare, which were committed to his charge.

His addresses as Grand Master were practical, to the point, and characterized by a directness of purpose, which was evinced by his very personal bearing, and habitual usage in all his intercourse.

The following resolutions are submitted to Grand Lodge:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Quarterly Communication met in ample form, do most sincerely mourn the loss of Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT CLARK, whose death, March 10, 1880, but a short time after the last Communication of Grand Lodge, has taken a valued Brother from her councils.

2. *Resolved*, That we look back with gratitude to the earnest, faithful and intelligent service which our lamented Past Grand Master rendered to Grand Lodge and the Craft in this jurisdiction during his Masonic life.

3. *Resolved*, That as a mark of respect to the memory of his virtues which will ever be cherished by Grand Lodge,

the Grand Lodge room with the jewels and emblems of the Grand Officers be placed in mourning for six months.

4. *Resolved*, That these proceedings be printed in abstract for the year, and that a copy be sent to the family of Brother CLARK, with assurances of the sympathy of Grand Lodge in their personal sorrow and bereavement.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother MICHAEL NISBET was pleased to appoint Brother WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG on the Committee on Appeals to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT CLARK.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock 30 minutes, P. M.

JOHN THOMSON,  
*Grand Secretary.*



# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,

Held at Philadelphia, September 1, A.D. 1880, A.L. 5880.

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### P R E S E N T:

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| Bro. MICHAEL NISBET,    | - - | <i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>                           |
| " SAMUEL B. DICK,       | -   | <i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>                    |
| " CONRAD B. DAY,        | - - | <i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>                    |
| " CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, |     | <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden,</i><br><i>pro tem.</i> |
| " CHARLES H. KINGSTON,  | -   | <i>R. W. Grand Treasurer, p. t.</i>                  |
| " JOHN THOMSON,         | - - | <i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>                        |
| " J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, | -   | <i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>                       |

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| " CHRISTOPHER LITTLE,  |   | } <i>Deputy Grand Masters.</i> |
| " CHARLES W. MACKEY,   |   |                                |
| " WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, |   |                                |
| " JACOB F. QUILLMAN,   |   |                                |
| " JOSEPH EICHBAUM,     | - |                                |
| " GEORGE S. SNYDER,    |   |                                |
| " ASA B. STEVENS,      | - |                                |

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| " JOHN THOMSON,      | - - | } <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i> |
| " RICHARD VAUX,      | -   |                                    |
| " SAMUEL C. PERKINS, | -   |                                    |
| " ALFRED R. POTTER,  |     |                                    |

Bro. RICHARD VAUX, - - -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Il- linois, South Carolina, Alabama, Texas, Minne- sota, and Washington Territory.</i>
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS, - -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Louisiana.</i>
" ALFRED R. POTTER, - -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Manitoba.</i>
" CONRAD B. DAY, - - -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.</i>
" CHARLES E. MEYER, - -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i>
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, - -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i>
" JOHN CURTIS, - - -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.</i>
" MICHAEL ARNOLD, - -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i>
" WM. B. HACKENBURG, -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, &amp;c.</i>

Eighty-two Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock.

The following communication was received and read from Brother ————, who was suspended by a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, held June 2, 1880, to wit:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

It is with feelings of no ordinary kind that I address you on a subject which has caused me sorrow when I received



and read an official letter from your Grand Body, suspending me for “having installed the Worshipful Master of Lodge —, in a manner contrary to the usages of Freemasonry.”

I feel it to be my duty as well as my inclination very humbly to ask the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge to remove the suspension, and restore me to good Masonic standing. In an experience of thirty-six years, which I have devoted to the diffusion and dissemination of our time-honored principles, I can truthfully say, I have ever aimed to keep in view the Landmarks of the Order. If an error was committed in this case, it was most assuredly an error of the head and not of the heart. Can you conceive it possible that one who was instrumental in resuscitating the Lodge and Chapter of this place which lay dormant for thirteen years on account of the persecuting spirit of anti-Masonry, who has labored successfully to establish all the higher orders, who has been honored by his Brethren, Companions and Sir Knights, with high and distinguished offices, could so far forget his duties and his obligations! If an error was committed, it most assuredly was for want of correct information, and as the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge has decided the question affirmatively, it is my duty to bow submissively to the decree, but while I do so, I sincerely ask that the stain from my Masonic character may be removed, and again restored to good Masonic standing, and through life I shall ever regard the kindness of this Grand Body, by so charitable and Christian an act.

Very fraternally yours,

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The communication was accompanied by the recommendations of the Worshipful Master and a number of Past Masters of Lodge No. —, also by a number of Past Masters of Lodges No. —, and No. —. The trial Committee in his case made the same recommendation.

On motion, duly seconded, it was

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A petition was presented and read from sundry Brothers for a Warrant for a Lodge to be located at Ulysses, Potter county.

On motion, it was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A missive was received from Most Worshipful Brother EDWARD LIVINGSTON FREEMAN, Grand Master of Masons of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, appointing Brother WM. B. HACKENBURG, the Representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

On motion, the missive was received, and Brother HACKENBURG was acknowledged as the Representative of said Grand Lodge.

A communication was received and read from Lodge No. 405, praying that a duplicate Warrant be issued to them in place of their original Warrant, which is supposed to be lost.

On motion, the communication was referred to the Right Worshipful Grand Master with power to act.

The Grand Secretary presented his annual report, which was received and ordered to be filed :

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :*

The Grand Secretary respectfully presents the following Annual Report of the Lodges and Membership of this Ju-



isdiction, for the Masonic year ending December 27th, 1879:

The number of Lodges December 27th, 1878, were	-	377
Constituted in 1879,	- - - - -	1
		<hr/> 378

Warrant Lodge No. 407 vacated.

"	"	480	"	-	-	-	-	2
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Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<hr/> 376
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The number of members last report was	-	-	-	35,879
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Deduct Lodge No. 480, Warrant, vacated,	-	55
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Deduct Lodge No. 418, suspended for want of	
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Returns,	-	-	-	-	-	-	49
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35,775

Alterations since last Report in various returns,	-	20
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35,795

Admitted in 1879,	-	-	-	-	-	396
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Initiated in 1879,	-	-	-	-	-	912
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1,308

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37,103

Resigned,	-	-	-	-	-	432
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Suspended and Expelled,	-	-	-	1,271
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Died,	-	-	-	-	-	422
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2,125

Members, Total December 27th, 1879,	-	34,978
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JOHN THOMSON,

*Grand Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, September 1, 1880.

## LIST OF LODGES.

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR 1879.

NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	TIME OF MEETING.	MEMBERS, DECEMBER, 1878	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.	TOTAL.
2	Philadelphia.....	Third Monday.....	218		3		6	6	209
3	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday.....	200	1	1	1	3	10	188
9	Philadelphia.....	First Friday.....	185		4		2	5	182
19	Philadelphia.....	First Thursday.....	257		6		2	2	259
21	Harrisburg.....	Second Monday .....	164	5	8	1	3	3	170
22	Sunbury.....	Evening of or after F. M.	112		3	1	12	1	101
25	Bristol.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	144		3	2	5	1	139
43	Lancaster.....	Second Wednesday.....	271	3	6	5	3	3	269
45	Pittsburgh.....	Last Thursday.....	186		3	3		4	182
51	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Thursday.....	214		1			1	214
52	Philadelphia.....	First Monday.....	166	2	2		4	4	162
59	Philadelphia.....	Second Tuesday.....	389	3	11	2	27	5	369
60	Brownsville.....	First Monday.....	41	2		4	3		36
61	Wilkesbarre.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	157	2	2	1	17	2	141
62	Reading.....	First Monday.....	315	1	4		10	5	305
67	Philadelphia.....	Second Friday.....	187		1			6	182
70	Athens.....	Tues. on or bef. F. M., & the 2d Tues. following..	84		1			1	84
71	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	208	1		1	8	2	198
72	Philadelphia.....	Third Thursday.....	268		2	1	6	2	261
75	Phoenixville .....	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	156		3		5	2	152
81	Philadelphia.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	85			2	1	1	81
91	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Monday.....	186		3	1	4	3	181
106	Williamsport .....	First Monday.....	146	5	5	3		1	152
108	Towanda.....	First and Third Wed.....	194	5	4	2	5	4	192
114	Philadelphia.....	Third Friday.....	221	1	3		5	2	218
115	Philadelphia.....	Second Monday.....	242		10	1	4	2	245
121	Philadelphia.....	Second Thursday.....	225	2		4	4	4	215
125	Philadelphia.....	Second Wednesday.....	243	1	11		3	3	249
126	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Monday.....	187	1	4	1	2		189
130	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	302	4	5	1	5	10	295
131	Philadelphia.....	Second Monday.....	109		2	2	2	1	106
134	Philadelphia.....	Last week day night.....	176		2	1	4	3	170
135	Philadelphia.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	170	1	2		3	1	169
138	Orwigsburg.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	54	2	2			2	56
143	Chambersburg.....	Friday on or before F. M.	89				8		81
144	Lewisburg.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M. ...	70			2	4	1	63
152	Easton.....	First Thursday after F. M.	226		1	3	12	5	207
153	Waynesburg .....	Monday before F. M.....	55		1				56
155	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	348		2	1	11	15	323
156	Drumore Centre...	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	99			3	7	2	87
158	Philadelphia.....	First Tuesday.....	425	1	13	8	6	12	413
163	Monroeton.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M.	33	4		2	2		33



NO. OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	TIME OF MEETING.	MEMBERS, DECEMBER, 1878	ADMITTED.	INITIATED.	RESIGNED.	SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.	DIED.	TOTAL.
164	Washington.....	1st and 3d Monday.....	57	1		2	4	1	51
186	Philadelphia.....	Second Wednesday.....	350	1	4	1	14	8	332
187	Philadelphia.....	Second Thursday.....	227	3	4		6	3	225
190	Norristown.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	212		3	1	7	1	206
194	Selin's Grove.....	Two evenings bef. F. M..	95		1	1	11	2	82
197	Carlisle.....	Second Tuesday.....	56	1	1		1		57
199	Lock Haven.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	153	6	1	1			159
203	Lewistown.....	Second Tuesday.....	103			4	4	3	92
211	Philadelphia.....	First Friday.....	330	4	5		6	7	326
216	Pottsville.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	217		2	1		6	212
218	Honesdale.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	127		3		5		125
219	Pittsburgh.....	Second Thursday.....	285	3	8	3	11	4	278
220	Hollidaysburg.....	First Tuesday.....	63			2	5	3	53
221	Pittsburgh.....	First and Third Thursday.	206	1	4		1	2	208
222	Minersville.....	Tuesday before F. M....	76		6	2		1	79
223	Allegheny City....	Second Monday.....	141	3		1	5	3	135
224	Danville.....	First Tuesday.....	81	1	3	2	3	1	79
225	Greensburg.....	Second Monday.....	131	1	1	1	6	1	125
226	Lebanon.....	Wed. on or before F. M..	150		1			2	149
227	Reading.....	First Tuesday.....	363		3	2		6	358
228	Uniontown.....	Second Monday.....	87	2	2	6	3	1	81
229	Rochester.....	Friday on or before F. M.	92			2			90
230	Philadelphia.....	Second Wednesday.....	243	1	2		2	4	240
231	Pittsburgh.....	Third Friday.....	97			2	9	2	84
232	Jersey Shore.....	Friday before F. M.....	50				2	2	46
233	Pittston.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	156	2	1	3		4	152
234	Meadville.....	First Thursday.....	128	5	2	2	5	2	126
236	Chester.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	179	3	7	2	2	3	183
237	Beallsville.....	Wednesday before F. M..	48		1	2	3		44
238	Tamaqua.....	Friday on or before F. M.	115	1	4		1		119
239	Freeport.....	Fourth Monday.....	26	2		2		2	24
240	Montrose.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M., & two weeks afterwards..	161	1	3	3	15	3	144
241	Warren.....	Wed. on or before F. M..	99	1	2	1	8	1	92
242	Mauch Chunk.....	Wed. on or before F. M..	120		3		17	1	105
243	New Castle.....	Friday on or before F. M.	97		1	1		1	96
244	Kittanning.....	First Tuesday.....	96		4	1	6	1	92
245	Doylestown.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	175		3		2		176
246	Philadelphia.....	Third Monday.....	350	2	6			6	352
247	Mansfield.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	16						16
248	Tunkhannock.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	114			2	4	1	107
249	Carbondale.....	Wed. on or before F. M..	139	5	10	3	3		148
250	Sharon.....	First and Third Friday...	145		2	7	11		129
252	Fayette City.....	Monday before F. M.....	45			1	6	1	37
253	Pittsburgh.....	Last Tuesday.....	142	1	5		2	2	144
254	Pottstown.....	Second Wednesday.....	153	1	2		9		147
255	Shamokin.....	Friday on or before F. M.	68		5			1	72
256	Milton.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	65	4	3	1	7		64
258	Conneautville.....	First and Third Monday..	88		3	1	6		84

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259	New Brighton.....	First and Third Tuesday..	45	1	4		4		46
260	Carlisle .....	Third Thursday .....	76	3	2		2		79
261	Providence.....	Fourth Thursday.....	86	2	1	1	8		80
262	Orrstown.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	32				2		30
263	Laceyville .....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M.	66		1	1			66
264	Columbus .....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	72	2		1	5	1	67
265	Bloomsburg.....	Monday on or aft. F. M..	110			1	9	3	97
266	York .....	1st Tues. after 1st Mon...	113	1	3			1	116
267	Tremont. ....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	83	3	4	1	1	3	85
268	Bellefonte.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	117		2	1	16	1	101
269	Birmingham .....	First and Third Friday...	144		4		5		143
270	Schuylkill Haven..	Friday on or before F. M.	59		2		1	1	59
271	Philadelphia.....	First Monday.....	201			3	6	5	189
272	Butler. ....	First Wednesday.....	63	1	2	3	6		57
273	Ardmore.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	134	3	8		5	3	137
274	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	197		8		11	1	193
275	Latrobe.....	First Monday.....	52		1		2		51
276	Brookville .....	Second Monday.....	116			1	3		112
277	Clarion.....	First Monday.. ..	105		5	2	4	1	103
278	Johnstown.....	Second Tuesday.....	86		9	2	1	1	91
281	Altoona.....	Third Tuesday.....	110				3	1	106
282	Hollidaysburg.....	Monday on or aft. F. M..	62	2	1			1	64
283	Bethlehem.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	113	3	4		8	1	111
284	Catasauqua.....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	94	2			7	1	88
285	St. Clair.....	Tuesday before F. M....	86		2			1	87
286	Columbia.....	First Thursday.....	132	2	1		4	2	129
287	Pittsburgh.....	Third Tuesday.....	262	3	3	2	6	4	256
288	Allegheny City....	First Wednesday.....	75		2		1	1	75
289	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Friday.....	131		1			1	131
290	Greenville.....	1st and 3d Monday.....	112	2	4		4	2	112
291	Scranton.....	Third Friday... ..	144	3	2	2	3	2	142
292	Philadelphia.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	268	2	3		10	3	260
294	Ashland.....	Second Thursday.....	114		4	2	5	2	109
295	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	235	2	5		7	2	233
296	Philadelphia.....	Second Thursday.....	185		6				191
297	Canonsburg.....	2d and 4th Monday.....	37	2	3	1	6	1	34
298	Media .....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	91		1	1	11	1	79
299	Muncy Borough...	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	55					1	54
300	Huntingdon .....	Second Monday.....	126	1	7			1	133
301	Waverly.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	41	2		2		1	40
302	Mechanicsburg...	First Monday.....	122		1	5	21	1	96
303	Titusville.....	2d and 4th Tuesday.....	212	5	1	1	9	2	206
304	Albion. ....	1st and 3d Tuesday.....	60	1	1		2		60
305	Hawley.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	66		1	1	3	1	62
306	Troy.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M..	129	1	1	1		4	126
307	Womelsdorf.....	First Thursday.....	85		1	2		1	83
308	Fort Washington..	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	80			1			79
309	Downingtown.....	Friday on or before F. M.	62		2	1			63
310	Trappe.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	66	1		2		1	64



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311	Mount Bethel.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	58			2	6	1	49
312	Ebensburg.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	39						39
313	Indiana.....	Second Tuesday.....	55		2	1	3		53
314	Clearfield.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	90	1		4	6		81
315	Shippensburg.....	Second Friday.....	41			1	6		34
316	Franklin.....	First and Third Monday..	114	1	1	1	4	1	110
317	Wellsboro'.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	57	1	2	1	5		54
318	Allegheny City....	First Tuesday.....	164	2	11	3	5		169
319	New Bloomfield...	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	54		2	1			55
320	Bedford.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	67		1		1	3	64
321	East Liberty.....	Third Tuesday.....	82	2	5	2	1	1	85
322	West Chester.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	93	2	1	1	3		92
323	Scranton.....	First Tuesday.....	128		1	4	4	1	120
324	Mifflintown.....	Second Thursday.....	38	2					40
325	Stroudsburg.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	115	1					116
326	Trexlertown.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	72	3	2		14		63
327	Hazleton.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	117	2	6	1		1	123
328	Jackson.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	47			3	4		40
329	Greensboro'.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	31		1	3	5		24
330	Hamlington.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	77			1	11	1	64
331	Ligonier.....	Friday before F. M.....	28				3		25
332	Plymouth.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	54		1			1	54
333	Allentown... ..	Friday on or bef. F. M...	149		2		8		143
334	Bradford.....	2d and 4th Monday.....	65	5	13	1			82
335	Mountoursville....	Wednesday before F. M..	45	1		1			45
336	Gettysburg.....	Sec. Thurs. of each month ending Sept., and Sec. and Fourth Wed. of all other months.....	69		5		11		63
337	Monongahela City..	First Tuesday after F. M..	94	3	2	2	2		95
338	Great Bend.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.. and 2 weeks after.....	65	2	4		5	1	65
339	Hyde Park.....	First Monday.....	147		1	2		1	145
340	Green Tree.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	113		3	1		1	114
341	Factoryville.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	60				14		46
342	Coudersport.....	Sec. & Fourth Wednesday.	58	6	2	1		1	64
343	Cochransville.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	118	1	2		8	2	111
344	Milford.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	59			1	6		52
345	Scranton.....	Second Monday.....	93		1		2	4	88
346	Connellsville.....	Third Monday.....	82	2	1	1			84
347	Girard.....	First Wednesday.....	63		4	1	1		65
348	Hanover.....	Second Tuesday.....							
349	Catawissa.....	Tuesday before F. M....	80	2	7	1		2	86
350	Blossburg.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	58	6	3	4		1	62
351	Knoxville.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	17	1	7			1	24
352	Chester.....	First Thursday after F. M.	88		4			1	91
353	Oxford.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	75	1		2	3		71
354	Shickshinny.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	53		1	1		2	51
355	Blairsville.....	Second Thursday.....	39		1				40

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357	Mahanoy City.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	85		1		8	1	77
358	Somerset.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	112		2	13	10		91
359	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Thursday.....	107		7		4	1	109
360	Susquehanna Depot	First Friday.....	107			1	2	2	102
361	Newville.....	Sec. & Fourth Thursday..	46		1	2	2		43
362	Erie.....	First Friday.....	95			2	2		91
363	Oil City.....	First and Third Friday...	121	1	2	3	6		115
364	Millersburg.....	Second Tuesday.....	57		4	1		2	58
365	Corry.....	First Tuesday.....	104	2		2	4	1	99
366	Union City.....	First and Third Friday...	63	1	3	2			65
367	Reading.....	Third Thursday.....	68					2	66
368	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday.....	115	1	1	8	3	1	105
369	Philadelphia.....	Third Thursday.....	190	1	1	1	8	5	178
370	Mifflinburg.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	37	1				4	34
371	Thompstontown....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	43			2	3		38
372	Spartansburg.....	First Monday.....	42	1		2	6	1	34
373	Tioga.....	Third Thursday.....	43			1	9	1	32
374	Allegheny City....	First Thursday.....	99	4	4	1	4	1	101
375	McKeesport.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	92		2	2		1	91
376	McVeytown.....	Third Friday.....	29	1		1			29
377	Kutztown.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	94		2	1	11	1	83
378	Mount Carmel....	Thursday before F. M....	36	2		6			32
379	Ridgway.....	Sec. and Fourth Tuesday.	136	2	6	5	6	3	130
380	Philadelphia.....	First Tuesday.....	85		1		5		81
381	Newport.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	40				1		39
382	Emporium.....	Sec. & Fourth Wednesday.	58		1				59
383	Coatesville.....	Tuesday on or after F. M.	62	2	1		3		62
384	Philadelphia.....	Second Monday.....	87	1	5		3		90
385	Philadelphia.....	First Thursday.....	166	1	3	3	9	3	155
386	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	243	3	2	4	5	2	237
387	Dushore.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	47	2	2	2	8		41
388	Smethport.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	49			3			46
389	West Middlesex...	Third Monday.....	26	2		1	1		26
390	Pittsburgh.....	Second Thursday.....	99	2	8		4		105
391	Phillipsburg.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	70		5		4		71
392	Erie.....	Second Tuesday.....	97	8	7	1			111
393	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	204	2	5		7	2	202
395	Kingston.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	81		2		5		78
396	Easton.....	First Tuesday after F. M..	91	2	1	2	8	1	83
397	Williamsport.....	First Tuesday.....	62		1	3	1	1	58
398	Marietta.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	62		3	2		1	62
399	North East.....	First & Third Wednesday.	76	2	4	1			81
400	Jenkintown.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	88		6		5		89
401	Watsonstown.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	82		1		8		75
402	Philadelphia.....	First Friday.....	169	2	6		4		173
403	Clarksville.....	Monday after F. M....	19			1		1	17
404	Northumberland...	Monday on or bef. F. M..	34		2				36
405	Waynesburg.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	39			1			38
406	Hamburg.....	Second Tuesday.....	56		1	1	1		55



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408	Meadville .....	First Monday.....	43		2	1	4		40
409	Pine Grove.....	First Monday.....	50		1				51
410	Hatboro'.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	68		2			1	69
411	Darlington.. ..	Friday on or bef. F. M....	43						43
412	Tidioute.....	Second Tuesday.....	68	2	2				72
413	Bath.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M..	64		1	1	10		54
414	Elysburg.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M..	36		1	1	2		34
415	Canton.....	First and Third Tuesday..	70	6	2	2	2	1	73
416	Edinboro' .....	Sec. and Fourth Tuesday.	70			4	17		49
417	Christiana.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M..	50		1	1			50
418	Rome.....	Sec. and Fourth Saturday.							
419	Philadelphia.....	Second Tuesday.....	254		9	1	1	3	258
420	Conshohocken ....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	68	7	3		1	2	75
421	Osceola .....	Saturday on or bef. F. M..	10	4	4				18
423	Shrewsbury .....	Second Thursday.....	34	4		2	3		33
424	Jamestown.....	First and Third Friday...	58		1				59
425	Waterford.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M..	60						60
426	Cressona.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M..	49					3	47
427	Newtown, Bucks Co.	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	62		6		3	3	62
428	Smithfield.....	Friday on or before F. M. and 2 weeks afterwards.	53	1			6	1	47
429	Harmony.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M..	29			1			28
430	Allegheny City....	Fourth Thursday.....	121	1	7	3		3	123
431	Saltsburg.....	First Tuesday.....	29	1		1	4	2	23
432	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Thursday.....	111	2	2	1	8	1	105
433	New Castle.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	99	2	7	2	4	1	101
434	Sandy Lake.....	Sec. and Fourth Tuesday	50		1	1	14		39
435	Reading.....	First Friday.....	142		4		12		134
436	Philadelphia .....	Sec. Tuesday—2 P. M....	130	6	2		5	1	132
437	Apollo.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	40						40
438	Nicholson .....	First Wednesday.....	37				4	1	32
439	Clifford .....	Monday bef. F. M.....	36	1		1	4		32
440	Slatington .....	Thursday on or bef. F. M..	34						34
441	Philadelphia.....	Third Friday.....	211	2	1	1	6		207
442	Wilkes-Barre.....	Wed. on or after F. M....	85		2	2	3	1	81
443	Green Castle.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M..	35	2	2		4	2	33
444	Philadelphia.....	Third Tuesday.....	80	3	3		7	1	78
445	Harford.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M..	23			2	1		20
446	Upper Uwchlan....	Monday before F. M.....	34		5		5	1	33
447	Claysville.....	First and Third Tuesday..	23		1	3	3		18
448	Sharpsburg.....	Second Thursday.....	75		4	1	3		75
449	Philadelphia.....	Second Thursday.....	112	5	4	1	11		109
450	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Wednesday .....	135		1	2	9		125
451	York .....	First Monday.....	32	3	1				36
453	Philadelphia.....	Second Thursday.....	106	2	2	1	3	1	105
454	Burgettstown.....	Second and Fourth Friday.	51	1	1		2		51
455	Erie....	Third Friday.....	52	4	4	2			58
456	Philadelphia.....	Second Tuesday.....	142		2		1		143
457	Beaver .....	Thursday on or bef. F. M..	59		1	1			59

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458	Marysville .....	Fourth Tuesday.....	44		2				46
459	Masontown .....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	28			1	1	1	25
460	Orangeville.....	Tuesday on or after F. M.	33		1				34
461	Greenfield.....	Third Monday.....	34	1		2	9		24
462	Berwick.....	Friday on or aft. F. M...	62		3		3	1	61
463	Titusville.....	First and Third Monday..	102	8	4	8	2		104
464	Harrisburg.....	Third Thursday.....	103		2	2	1	2	100
465	York Springs.....	Third Monday.....	28					1	27
466	Olyphant .....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	46	2	1		3		46
467	White Haven.....	Sec. and Fourth Monday.	59			1	3	2	53
468	Wyoming .....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	27			1		1	25
469	Coopersburg.....	Tuesday on or bef F. M..	36		1		2		35
470	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Thursday.....	71		1		5		67
471	LeRaysville.....	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	43	1	1				45
472	Pleasant Mount...	Saturday on or bef. F. M.	22		2	1			23
473	Cambridge .....	Second and Fourth Friday.	79	4	1	1	4	1	78
474	Ashley .....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	62	4		2			64
475	Kennett Square...	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	84		1		2		83
476	Lancaster.....	First Monday.....	70	1	4		1		74
477	Westfield.....	Saturday on or after F. M.	41	7	6	1		1	52
478	Beaver Falls.....	Sec. and Fourth Monday.	46	1	1		1		47
479	Morgantown.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	29	1					30
480	New Washington..	Tuesday on or bef F. M..							
481	Philadelphia.....	First Thursday.....	233	1	12	1	7	2	236
482	Philadelphia.....	First Tuesday.....	123	4	2		4	1	124
483	Rouseville.....	First & Third Wednesday.	86			6	21	2	57
484	Pittsburgh.....	Second Monday.....	134		4	2		1	135
485	Smith's Ferry.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	33		3	3	1		32
486	Middletown .....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	49		3	6	5		41
487	Philadelphia.....	Third Monday.....	97		4			1	100
488	Independence.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M. and 2 weeks afterwards.	19		3	2			20
489	Allegheny City....	Second Wednesday.....	53		1		3		51
490	Altoona.....	First Tuesday.....	63	3	3			1	68
491	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	106		1	1	20		86
492	Milroy.....	Third Thursday.....	23	1			1	1	22
493	Philadelphia.....	Second Monday.....	171	1	10	2	7	3	170
494	Tyrone.....	Third Monday.....	47	1	4		1		51
495	Renovo.....	First Tuesday.....	47		4		3		48
496	Safe Harbor.....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	45		2				47
498	Linesville .....	Third Tuesday.....	41		3	1			43
499	West Pittston.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	56		3	1	2		56
500	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	155	1	5		7	3	151
501	Pleasantville.....	First and Third Monday..	58		1	1	7		51
502	Tarentum .....	Friday before F. M.....	21		2				23
503	Wrightsville.....	Third Monday.....	21						21
504	Moscow.....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	38				3		35
505	Port Allegany.....	First Tuesday.....	36	1	2		1		38
506	Philadelphia.....	Second Thursday.....	69	1	4	1		1	72



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507	New Milford.....	Second Wednesday.....	35	1			4		32
508	Pittsburgh.....	First Friday.....	90	1	4	1	1	1	92
509	Pittsburgh.....	Second Friday.....	61		3	1		1	62
510	Braddock's Field..	Third Tuesday.....	51		5				56
511	Shenandoah .....	Wed. bef. F. M.....	68		3			1	70
512	Quakertown .....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	60	1	2				63
513	Temperanceville...	First Tuesday.....	49		1		2		48
514	New Freeport.....	Friday before F. M.....	32	7	6		2	2	41
515	Osceola Mills. ...	Second Monday.....	31	2	1	1		1	32
516	Danville.....	Second Tuesday.....	40		2				42
517	Sharpsburg.....	First and Third Monday..	32		3	1			34
518	Greensburg .....	Third Tuesday.....	44	2	3			1	48
519	Philadelphia.....	Third Thursday.....	89	1	8		2		96
520	St. Petersburg.....	First Thursday.....	81		2	10	5		68
521	Parker City.....	First Monday.....	73	2	4	4			75
522	New Bethlehem...	First Wednesday.....	28				1		27
523	Jermyn.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	29		2	1		1	29
524	Everett Borough...	Friday on or bef. F. M...	30		6	1			35
525	Allegheny City....	Third Monday.....	73	5	7		2		83
526	Elizabeth.....	Wednesday before F. M..	42	1		1	3		39
527	Philadelphia.....	Third Wednesday.....	110	8	8		4	1	122
528	Philadelphia.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	76		2	12	7	1	58
529	Philadelphia.....	First Thursday.....	121	1	1	1	10		112
530	Bellevue.....	Third Monday.....	31		1				32
531	Dallas.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	22						22
532	Driftwood.....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	45	1	3				49
533	Wattsburg.....	First and Third Saturday..	35		1	3	2		31
534	Punxsutawney.....	First Tuesday.....	37	3					40
535	Pittsburgh.....	Third Monday.....	41		3				44
536	Reynoldsville.....	Fourth Thursday.....	29		5	1			33
537	Centre Hall.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	29		2			1	30
538	Johnstown.....	Fourth Monday.....	45		2				47
539	Woodbury.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	14		1	1			14
540	Petrolia.....	Wed. on or bef. F. M....	82		2	4			80
541	Nanticoke.....	Thurs, on or after F. M..	32		1				33
542	Waymart.....	Tuesday before F. M....	24		1				25
543	Fernwood.....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	88		6	1	3		90
544	Mansfield.....	Monday on or bef. F. M. and 2 weeks after.....	32	1	11	1	1		42
545	New London.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	23		2				25
546	Pittsburgh.....	First Thursday.....	43	1	5				49
547	Sugar Grove.....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	28	2		1			29
548	Verona.....	Tuesday on or bef. F. M..	17	2					19
549	Reading.....	Fourth Thursday.....	25		2	1		1	25
550	Edenburg .....	First and Third Tuesday..	56		3	3		2	54
551	Mount Joy.....	Friday on or bef. F. M...	30		2	1			31
552	Emlenton.....	Second & Fourth Monday.	24	2	7				33
553	Spring City.....	Thursday on or bef. F. M.	44	1	6		1		50
554	Meyersdale.....	Monday on or bef. F. M..	18	2	4				24

## RECAPITULATION.

Members, December, 1879.....	35,795	
Admitted.....	396	
Initiated.....	912	
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		37,103
Deduct:		
Resigned.....	432	
Suspended or Expelled.....	1,271	
Died.....	422	2,125
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Total.....		34,978

The Committee on Appeals made the following reports, which were severally read, and, on motions separately made, the reports were accepted, and the resolutions thereto attached, adopted, to wit:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania:*

In the matter of the appeal of Brother ———, from the action of ——— Lodge, No. —, in expelling him from membership in said Lodge.

The appellant was charged with gross un-Masonic conduct. The charge was referred to a Committee of the Lodge, who regularly and carefully tried the accused. The Committee found the appellant guilty, and the Lodge expelled him. The record sent up with the appeal is full and complete, and exhibits the carefulness with which the case was heard and determined. We are asked to reverse the decision of the Lodge upon the record and exceptions.

It is in vain to more emphatically assert the principle which this Grand Lodge has established as to questions of controversy between Brethren, and for which they seek a trial by a Lodge, than has been decided over and over again, that Freemasonry will not take cognizance of differences between Brethren which are cognizable by the civil tribunals of the law, unless they are Masonic offences *per se*. In business the civil Courts alone must try and decide them. A Lodge is not a civil tribunal to hear and determine questions of mere business transactions between Brethren. It is



only Masonic offences, which are special, limited, easily ascertained, that are triable by the Craft. Every Master Mason ought at once to decide if an act complained of comes within the category of Masonic offences.

In this case the civil Courts have decided the question which is the real issue in this appeal, and the Lodge confirmed the decision of the civil tribunal.

The Grand Lodge has never yet assumed to set aside the action of a Lodge unless that action has in itself been violative of the principles of Freemasonry. The Committee on Appeals do not find any such subversion of Masonic law in the action of the Lodge in this case, as would justify the Committee to override its decision.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, The appeal of Brother ———, from ——— Lodge, No. —, be dismissed.

MAY 11, 1880.

Fraternally submitted,

RICHARD VAUX,

*Chairman Committee on Appeals.*

*To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania:*

In the matter of the appeal of Brother ———, from the action of ——— Lodge, No. —, in suspending him from membership for non-payment of dues.

This appeal was first heard before the Committee on Appeals at its meeting on May 19, 1880, and reported to the Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication. At that Communication it was referred back to this Committee, because a member of Lodge No. —, and a member of the Grand Lodge made a statement of facts that was not before the Committee on Appeals. This Committee therefore reheard the case, and obtained all the light on the subject which was obtainable. It was an exceptional appeal in all its characteristics. The first examination given to it was directed to that principle of Masonic law, which prevents a Lodge from changing the relations to it, of its life members,

without their consent. That relation is a vested Masonic right, and in the first report in this case, this Committee considered that principle as the only question presented by the appeal, and so reported.

In this, the second investigation, it appears that the relation of life membership of Brother ————— to the Lodge, was changed by his own positive consent, and with his full knowledge, to that of honorary membership with all the incidents attaching thereto, and payment of dues was one of those incidents. He did not pay his dues, and was suspended therefor. The fact is beyond dispute that Brother —————, who was a life member, offered a resolution that members of over twenty years standing should be made honorary members; his name was among those within that description; his attention was called to the new relation this resolution, if adopted, would place him in. As a life member he was free from dues, whereas, if he became an honorary member, he would be liable to dues. That his attention was called to the effect of the resolution on his own relations to the Lodge is beyond dispute, and when Brother —————, thereby voluntarily and knowingly accepted this changed relation, he, by his own act, severed his life membership in the Lodge, an act which the Lodge alone could not do. Having thus become an honorary member by his own act, and therefore liable to pay dues, his refusal to pay them, rendered him liable to the penalty for non-payment. He has brought down upon himself the penalty, and he cannot justly complain when it is inflicted upon him.

There is no valid ground for sustaining this appeal, the case as now presented being different from that heard and decided in the former report.

The Committee offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the action of Lodge No. —, in the case of Brother —————, be sustained, and that the appeal of Brother ————— be dismissed.

On behalf of the Committee,

M. ARNOLD,

*Secretary.*



*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons of Penna., &c.:*

In the matter of the appeal of Brother ——— from the action of ——— Lodge, No. —, on his charges against Brother ———, a member of that Lodge.

Brother ——— charged Brother ——— with conduct unbecoming a Master Mason, the specification being the publication in a newspaper of an article intending to bring reproach upon the Fraternity. After a careful trial, the Lodge decided in favor of Brother ———, that the article complained of did not apply and was not intended to apply to the members of the Craft, and we see no reason to disagree with the Lodge.

We recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Brother ——— from the action of ——— Lodge, No. —, on his charges against Brother ———, be dismissed.

For the Committee,

M. ARNOLD,  
*Secretary.*

The Committee on Temple reported, among other things, the following, and the resolutions thereto were adopted :

PHILADELPHIA, September 1, 1880.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge :*

BRETHREN:—We would further report that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, at its Quarterly Communication, March last, they entered into contracts for the remodeling "Gothic Hall," which has been accomplished, we believe, to the entire satisfaction of all parties. A report of the details of the alterations and cost of the same is reserved for the Communication December 1st, owing to some bills remaining unpaid and the consequent failure to have our accounts fully audited by the Finance Committee.

We would further report, that by invitation of the Elective Officers of Most Excellent Grand Chapter of this jurisdiction, the Temple Committee met them in conference twice during the month of July, in pursuance of a "Resolution" adopted at a meeting of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, June 3rd, 1880, asking the Temple Committee to arrange "Oriental Hall" for meetings of subordinate Chapters, and gave the following reasons why it should be done, viz.: That in consequence of a decided falling off in the work in those bodies many of them had been compelled to remove from "Renaissance Hall" to the small Chapter room in the tower, which room they find extremely inconvenient for their members to reach, and which is not adapted for working of the ritual of the "Capitular Degrees."

By making the alterations proposed, the Chapters now meeting in the small chapter room will, we are assured, rent "Oriental Room" at the current rent, thereby making an additional revenue to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, besides giving a much needed accommodation to the bodies meeting in the Temple.

The Temple Committee and Officers of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter made a personal inspection of the room and find:

- 1st. The matter is entirely feasible.
- 2d. It can be done without interfering in any way with the "Lodges" now meeting in the room.
- 3d. The veils, &c., can be arranged to be taken down when a Lodge is to meet in said room.
- 4th. The total cost will not exceed \$500.

We therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*, The Temple Committee be and are hereby directed to forthwith arrange "Oriental Hall" in this Temple as agreed upon by the Officers of the Grand Chapter and Temple Committee, provided said alterations shall not exceed in cost \$500.



*Resolved*, That the sum of \$500 be and the same is hereby appropriated to meet the expense of said alterations.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. J. KELLY,  
HIBBERT P. JOHN,  
SAM'L W. WRAY,  
GODFREY KEEBLER,  
HENRY K. SMITH.

The Elective Grand Officers, to whom was referred the communication of Lodge No. —, complaining of certain actions of Lodge No. —, made the following report, which was accepted and request granted:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The Elective Grand Officers, to whom was referred the communication of Lodge No. —, complaining of certain actions of Lodge No. —, beg leave to report:

That they held a meeting, convened by order of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, at which representatives from both of said Lodges appeared and were heard at length. After hearing all the evidence adduced on both sides, we find the facts to be as follows:

In June, 1879, ———, applied to ——— Lodge, No. —, for initiation and membership, by petition in the usual form, in which he gave his residence at the La Fayette Hotel, Philadelphia. This petition was signed by two members of ——— Lodge as recommenders, was referred to a committee, who at the stated meeting in July reported unanimously in favor of the petitioner, whereupon he was balloted for and approved, and in due and proper course the three degrees were conferred upon him.

In November, 1879, ——— Lodge, No. —, having heard of his initiation, and believing him to be a resident of Lewistown, adopted the complaint to the Grand Lodge, which is the subject of this inquiry, the only ground of it being the failure of ——— Lodge to inquire of them, as the Lodge

nearest his place of residence, if they had any objection to his petition being received and acted on.

It seems that the applicant was born in Lewistown and had lived there until manhood, and that his mother and other members of the family reside there still. After coming of age, he engaged in the business of dealing in grain, chiefly being occupied in buying grain in Mifflin and the adjoining counties and shipping it to Philadelphia and Baltimore for sale. As his business increased, he spent less and less of his time at Lewistown, and more of it in Philadelphia and Baltimore, having large dealings in both of those cities. Being unmarried, he lived at hotels and boarding-houses, sometimes changing from one to another. He appeared before us in person and was closely questioned as to all the various matters which go to make up residence. He said that at the time he signed the petition he had fully made up his mind to make Philadelphia his home, as his largest business interests were here, and it was here that he spent his time when not called upon to travel by the exigencies of his business. He always had a room here, and it was here that his business correspondence was addressed as a general rule. He had never voted here, but had not voted in Lewistown at the election in the spring of 1879, because he did not consider himself entitled to do so, not being then a resident of the place. He further went on to show that he had bought out an old established firm here and was undoubtedly *now* a resident, but this we did not deem important, as the question was not where he lives *now*, but upon his residence *in June*, 1879, when his petition was presented.

We also examined his recommenders and the committee upon his application. They undoubtedly believed him to be a resident of the La Fayette Hotel, not only because he told them so, but from introductions, recommendations and other circumstances which served to lull their suspicions, if they had any. They visited him at the La Fayette Hotel, and saw him there in his apartments, and had good recommendations of him from respectable and well-known people, some



of whom were Brethren and some not. Indeed, it is not alleged by ——— Lodge that he is not worthy, or that any objection to him would have arisen, if inquiry had been made of them.

Upon this state of facts we are in some doubt as to Bro. ———'s actual residence at the time he signed his petition, regarding it strictly as a question of law. When an unmarried man is thus engaged in a business which calls him to travel constantly over the country, it is sometimes very difficult to say which one of the places he frequents is to be considered as his home. The well-settled doctrine of the civil law is that, as a general rule, a person's domicile once fixed, remains unchanged until he acquires another; and upon this basis Bro. ——— remained domiciled at Lewistown until he actually settled at Philadelphia, and, although he had, in June, 1879, formed an intention of changing his residence, which intention he certainly carried out, yet whether he had actually done so at that time is, as has been said, a matter which does not seem so clear.

The circumstance that he then gave the Lodge his residence as Philadelphia, coupled with the subsequent events, would, of itself, furnish in a court of law, a strong presumption that the change was then made, if it had not been done before, and as he seems to have acted in entire good faith in naming himself as a resident of Philadelphia, we accept that view of the case, and so find.

But we cannot pass from this matter without expressing the opinion that in receiving petitions for initiation and membership, the question of residence should receive most careful attention, especially where there is something, as there was in this case, to call for inquiry. Of course, a man may make a hotel his home, if he chooses, and there are many who do so; but the great majority of those who occupy rooms at the large hotels of Philadelphia are merely transient visitors here, and have homes elsewhere. The circumstance that an applicant to a Lodge gives his residence at a hotel is a warning to the Brethren to be careful in inquiring

as to his permanent residence, so that they may not be wanting in the important duty of giving notice to the Lodge nearest where he lives (should it be found that he is only temporarily stopping here) and learning whether any objection exists to the proper granting of his petition.

It is a very important provision of our Masonic law, and one which our Grand Lodge has always vigorously enforced, that before a man is admitted to become a member of our Fraternity, a full and searching inquiry must be made into his standing and character, and his fitness to be made a Mason. Such an inquiry, to be effectual, must be made at his home and among those who know him. It cannot be made properly elsewhere, and the law is so framed as to ensure this scrutiny, if it be obeyed.

We see nothing in this case requiring the action of the Grand Lodge, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL NISBET,  
*Grand Master.*

CONRAD B. DAY,  
*Senior Grand Warden.*

E. C. MITCHELL,  
*Junior Grand Warden.*

JOHN THOMSON,  
*Grand Secretary.*

The Special Committee appointed to investigate the subject brought before the Grand Lodge at its last Quarterly Communication, by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read:

PHILADELPHIA, September 1, 1880.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:—Your Committee appointed at the Quarterly Grand Communication in June last, to investigate certain



complaints against ———— Lodge No. —, and against the Junior Warden of said Lodge, as more fully set forth in the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication referred to, respectfully report :

From the evidence adduced, and the books and documents examined, your Committee find the following state of facts :

That ———— Lodge No. —, located in Germantown, Philadelphia, determined to build a Masonic Hall, and in 1873 appointed a Committee to suggest ways and means to accomplish this object. In consequence of the report made by this Committee, a Stock Company called the "Masonic Hall Association of ————" was formed, under a charter granted by the Courts of Philadelphia County, and subscriptions were received from ———— Lodge, its individual members, and from members of other Lodges, and, to a limited extent, from parties not Masons. At a subsequent meeting, ———— Lodge guaranteed the repayment of the sums subscribed, with interest thereon. No certificates of stock were issued, except for the full par value of \$50 per share, paid in cash, or for work done by the mechanics in the erection of the Hall.

The building is long since completed, and the stores attached thereto are occupied, but no dividend upon the capital stock has ever been earned or paid.

That Brother ———— was elected and installed Junior Warden of ———— Lodge No. —, in December, 1879; that in February 20, 1880, he caused to be inserted in the *Public Ledger* the advertisement referred to by the Right Worshipful Grand Master at the June Communication, to which he received many replies, that in answer to the latter, he wrote a number of letters, of which those addressed to ————, ————, ————, ————, were brought to the attention of your Committee (Brother ———— admitted that he had written them); that in these letters the following inducements to join ———— Lodge, were held out by Brother ————: 1. Cheaper initiation; 2. Less danger of being blackballed, and 3, a

more pleasant initiation; that no petitions for initiation and membership were presented to ———— Lodge in consequence of this advertisement and of these letters; that the matter was brought to the attention of ———— Lodge, who first appointed a Committee of Inquiry, which Committee presented formal charges against Brother ———— of a violation of the ancient usages, customs and landmarks of the Order, upon which he was tried, and the Committee reported its conclusions as follows:

“Your Committee are of the opinion that the Brother has been guilty of doing a very indiscreet act, and would ask that the Worshipful Master publicly reprimand the said Junior Warden for his indiscretion as fully set forth in the foregoing.”

[The above was added to the report of the Committee after the signatures of the members.]

[That this report was adopted by ———— Lodge, and no further action was had thereon.]

That ———— Lodge has failed to appreciate, not only the magnitude of Brother ————’s offence, but also its duty to the Craft to properly rebuke and punish conduct so subversive of the fundamental principles of our Fraternity, and the action of the Right Worshipful Grand Master in bringing the matter to the notice of the Grand Lodge deserves your highest commendation, as an example for the future, and an exemplification of the duty of those who are called to the oversight of the workmen, to have a care that the wrong-doing of one member shall not bring evil and confusion into our ranks.

That ———— Lodge had agreed by resolution to accept shares of the capital stock of the Masonic Hall Association of Germantown at \$50 per share, in part payment of initiation and life membership fees, and that a number of shares have been so received, and transferred and assigned to the Trustees of said Lodge.

There being no dispute about the facts, as above summarized, your Committee carefully considered the state-



ment made by Brother Past Master ————, on behalf of ———— Lodge, and were convinced that no stock had been received by them, except for its full par value, and that its transfer to the Trustees of the Lodge was equivalent to a cash payment by the Lodge, on account of the amount due on their Hall, and that in this respect there has been no infraction of the Ahiman Rezon. Whilst deeming farther action on your part upon this portion of the subject referred to us unnecessary, so far as ———— Lodge is concerned, we cannot too earnestly condemn the action of ———— Lodge in associating itself with the profane as a stockholder of a corporation chartered by a power outside of Masonry, and we trust that the Grand Lodge will, by proper enactment, forbid and prohibit such action in the future on the part of its subordinates.

The statement of Brother ———— was peculiar in that it admitted all the complaints as charged, but pleaded: 1st. Want of knowledge of our customs, usages and landmarks in the matter complained of; 2d. A desire to show, by increased zeal in securing additional membership to ———— Lodge, that he appreciated the great honor conferred upon him by his election as Junior Warden, which zeal had carried away his judgment, and, 3d. An appeal to the charity of the Brethren.

The Brother stated that the advertisement was written without consideration of its possible consequences, in the office of the *Public Ledger*, where he had gone on matters connected with his private business; that all his actions had been open to the world, his letters being signed with his own name, and his address added, and that as soon as his attention was called to the illegality of his course, he at once stopped farther proceedings.

Your Committee, notwithstanding these explanations and excuses, can but feel that a grievous error has been committed by Brother ————, and that his pleaded want of knowledge intensifies, rather than lessens the character of the offence; for during the many years that he has been a

Mason, there have been opportunities without number when instructions upon these very subjects were within the reach of all who desired knowledge.

————— Lodge having failed to take action of a character demanded by the facts of the case, we feel that this Grand Lodge would fail in its duty as the conservator of ancient Masonry, should so flagrant a violation of the first teachings of the Craft go unpunished, and whilst more than willing to temper justice with mercy, we must not forget our own obligations in a desire to forgive.

We offer the following resolutions, and ask their adoption :

1st. That the complaint against ————— Lodge No. —, touching the receipt of stock in a Masonic Hall Association for initiation fees be dismissed.

2d. That the Committee on Landmarks be instructed to report an amendment to the Ahiman Rezon prohibiting subordinate Lodges from being interested directly or indirectly as corporators in any Masonic Hall or other Association.

3d. That Brother ———, Junior Warden of ——— Lodge No. —, having violated the ancient usages, customs, and landmarks of Masonry by a certain advertisement, and divers letters relative to admission into the Fraternity, be and he is hereby suspended, for one year from the adoption of this resolution, from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS WAGNER,

*Secretary.*

EDWARD MATTHEWS,

RICHARD VAUX,

ARTHUR THACHER.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the Grand Lodge determined to act upon the resolutions *seriatim*.

The first resolution was again read, and, on motion, it was adopted.



The second resolution was read, when Brother EDWARD MASSON moved that it be laid upon the table ; which motion was adopted.

The third resolution was read. A motion was made and seconded that it be adopted as read. Brother ISAAC S. ALDEN, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "suspended," which was lost.

The question recurring upon the motion to adopt the resolution, it was agreed to.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master announced the decease since our last Quarterly Communication of Past Grand Master Brother JOSEPH R. CHANDLER.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX then read the following memorial of Past Grand Master CHANDLER, and, on motion, the resolutions thereto attached were unanimously adopted :

In the fullness of years, after a life of exceptional usefulness, of high character and a stainless reputation, distinguished as a statesman, and a true philanthropist, our Past Grand Master JOSEPH R. CHANDLER died in this city on the 10th day of July last.

Brother Chandler was born in Kingston, Plymouth, Mass. He was entered in Columbian Lodge, Boston, Mass., October 28, 1813; crafted November 4, 1813; raised to Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, January 6, 1814. He was 21 years, 2 months and 3 days old at the date of his initiation. He died at the age of 88 years.

He became a member of Phoenix Lodge No. 130, under this Grand Jurisdiction, July 17, 1822; was elected Worshipful Master of that Lodge, December, 1826. This Grand Lodge elected him Junior Grand Warden, December, 1836. Senior Grand Warden, December, 1837; Deputy Grand Master, December, 1838, and again, in December, 1839; and

he served as Right Worshipful Grand Master two terms, commencing in December, 1840, and terminating in December, 1842.

His adherence to Masonry continued steadfast during the anti-Masonic period, though his prominence marked him out as an object of personal attacks. He met his assailants nobly, and triumphantly vindicated and sustained that Institution, of which he is one of the brightest ornaments.

His addresses to the Craft during his administration as Grand Master are among the most cultured and interesting of the Masonic literature of this Jurisdiction. His labors for the Craft were distinguished for their value and influence. He gave to it a large portion of his ripened manhood.

He was an earnest, devoted, thorough man in all the work he was called to perform in the various positions of honor and trust he filled. His Masonic record is a lesson and an example.

Though in his later years his association with Freemasonry was subordinated to other duties and relations, from causes that are not here to be other than stated, yet in all these years he never lost for a moment his interest in and affection for the Fraternity. This is a fact which is well known to the Fraternity, and its statement does honor to the teachings of our Faith, and proves how thoroughly it impressed the mind and heart of our departed Brother.

The authority or power to create Masonic ties exists only in Freemasonry itself. What it binds no other human authority can loose. Sovereign, it acknowledges no human superior, obeys no mandate of a subordinate, and rejects all pretension of a divided supremacy or a co-equal dominion. As Freemasons we neither recognize nor admit the existence of any human authority that can dissolve the ties that we make eternal at our altar.

Therefore, as our departed Brother, held the gavel and wore the jewel of the highest Masonic authority in our Jurisdiction, it becomes us to assert our claim on his Masonic services and relations to our Craft, to deplore his death since a light has gone out in our Masonic firmament.



At the age of 88, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master JOSEPH R. CHANDLER continued his journey to that East where is enthroned the Great Grand Master who, testing his work, will see by His Eternal Justice and Exhaustless Love and Power, that none of the workmen whom He has endowed with a talent shall fail in their reward. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania sensibly feels the death of its Past Grand Master JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, and makes this minute as a tribute to his Masonic virtues and his Masonic labors.

*Resolved*, That a copy be sent to the family of our departed Grand Master.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge room, and the Jewels of the officers, be draped in mourning for six months.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock P. M.

JOHN THOMSON,

*Grand Secretary.*

# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, Dec. 1st, A. D. 1880, A. L. 5880.

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### PRESENT:

Bro. MICHAEL NISBET,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" SAMUEL B. DICK,	- -	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" CONRAD B. DAY,	-	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,	-	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	- -	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" J. ALEX. SIMPSON,	-	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>

" HENRY BAUMGARDNER,	-
" ROBERT L. MUENCH,	
" JOHN G. BOBB,	- -
" EDWARD H. SHEARER,	
" CHRISTOPHER LITTLE,	-
" ASA B. STEVENS,	-
" JOHN A. WEAVER,	-
" GEORGE E. DAVIS,	-
" GEORGE S. SNYDER,	-
" JOHN P. CLARK,	-
" ALEXANDER M. LLOYD,	-
" JOHN M. CLAPP,	-
" HARRISON T. BEARDSLEY,	
" MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON,	
" RICHARD COULTER,	-

*District Deputy Grand  
Masters.*



Bro. JOSEPH EICHBAUM, -	-	
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,		
" FREDERICK WHITTLESEY,		
" CHARLES W. MACKEY, -	-	
" FRANCIS H. FOSTER, -	-	
" GEORGE A. JENKS, -	-	
" JOHN FOUNTAIN, -	-	<i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
" THOMAS S. MCNAIR, -	-	
" WILLIAM CHATLAND, -	-	
" JOHN J. WADSWORTH, -	-	
" ELBERT P. JONES, -	-	
" JACOB F. QUILLMAN, -	-	
" SAMUEL L. FRENCH, -	-	
" CHARLES L. WHEELER, -	-	
" WILLIAM H. PLATT, -	-	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
" R. J. C. WALKER, -	-	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" DANIEL SUTTER, -	-	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" S. P. GILBERT, -	-	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" HOWARD R. JUSTICE, -	-	
" GEORGE W. WOOD, -	-	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" B. F. BRENNEMAN, -	-	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" OSCAR R. MEYERS, -	-	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" HARRISON G. CLARK, -	-	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON, -	-	<i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
" RICHARD VAUX, -	-	
" ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, -	-	
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS, -	-	
" RICHARD VAUX,		<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illinois, South Carolina, Alabama, Texas, Minnesota and Washington Territory.</i>
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS,		<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Louisiana.</i>

Bro. E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i>
“ CONRAD B. DAY, -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.</i>
“ E. HARPER JEFFRIES,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.</i>
“ WM. B. HACKENBURG,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, &amp;c.</i>
“ CHARLES E. MEYER,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i>
“ AUGUSTUS R. HALL,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i>
“ JOHN CURTIS, -	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.</i>
“ MICHAEL ARNOLD,	{	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i>

Two hundred and forty-six Lodges represented.

The Grand Lodge was honored with the presence of Most Worshipful Brother William R. Cox, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock 30 minutes, A. M.

This being the time designated by the Ahiman Rezon for the election of Officers and Trustees to serve the ensuing Masonic year, commencing on St. John's Day next, the Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint tellers, who having reported, the Right Worshipful Grand Master declared the following Brethren duly elected:

*R. W. Grand Master*, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK,

In place of Brother MICHAEL NISBET, who declined a re-election.



*R. W. Deputy Grand Master*, Bro. CONRAD B. DAY.

*R. W. Senior Grand Warden*, Bro. E. COPPÉE MITCHELL.

*R. W. Junior Grand Warden*, Bro. JOSEPH EICHBAUM.

*R. W. Grand Treasurer*, Bro. THOMAS R. PATTON.

*R. W. Grand Secretary*, Bro. MICHAEL NISBET,

In place of Brother JOHN THOMSON, who declined a re-election.

*Trustees Grand Lodge Charity Fund.*

Brother JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,

“ GEORGE GRISCOM,

“ DANIEL BRITTAIN,

“ JOHN HANOLD,

“ EDWARD STRICKLAND.

*Trustees Girard Bequest.*

Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS,

“ GEORGE THOMSON,

“ CHARLES M. PREVOST,

“ HENRY C. HOWELL,

“ JACOB ROBERTS.

A missive was received from Most Worshipful Brother EDWARD A. STEVENSON, Grand Master of Masons of Idaho, appointing Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, Brother E. COPPÉE MITCHELL the Representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

On motion the missive was received and Brother MITCHELL was acknowledged as the Representative of said Grand Lodge.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary informed the Grand Lodge that Lodge No. 348 had surren-

dered its Warrant, with its effects, as required by the Ahiman Rezon.

Communication from Lodges No. — and No. —, relative to the status of Mr. ————, who was objected to in No. —, was read and referred to the Committee on Landmarks.

The following Preamble and Resolutions, presented by Brother E. HARPER JEFFRIES, and seconded by Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, We, by his own declination of further election, are reluctantly compelled to lose the services of our efficient Grand Secretary, therefore

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed for the purpose of preparing a suitable testimonial to Past Grand Master JOHN THOMSON, Grand Secretary, for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged *all* his Masonic duties, not only as Grand Secretary but in all and every position of trust and responsibility imposed upon him by this Grand Lodge.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Michael Nisbet, was pleased to make the following appointment as said Committee: Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX, Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS, Brothers E. HARPER JEFFRIES, JOHN C. YEAGER and WILLIAM J. KELLY.

On motion Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother MICHAEL NISBET was added to the Committee.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother MICHAEL NISBET reported that under the resolution adopted at the last Quarterly Communication, he had issued a new Warrant to Lodge No. 405.



## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions adopted :

The Committee on Finance respectfully report :

That in accordance with the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon, they have examined the following accounts, and found them correct :

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer, show :

## RECEIPTS.

Received for Dues, Initiations, ten per cents.		
and Masonic Rents, - -	\$96,232 06	
“ “ Dispensations, Grand Lodge Certificates, Ahiman Rezens and Attests, - - - -	4,574 00	
“ “ Store Rents, Chestnut Street Hall, - - - -	5,400 00	
“ “ Warrants, - - - -	400 00	
“ “ Interest on Deposit Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary,	298 51	
“ “ Loan Account, - - -	10,000 00	
“ “ Subscription Masonic Temple Five per cent. Loan, - -	78,500 00	
“ “ Premium on Subscription, -	2,942 50	
“ “ Sinking Fund, - - -	20,000 00	
Balance November 15, 1879, - - -	10,756 03	
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	\$229,103 10	

## PAYMENTS.

Interest on Loan Account,	\$299 50	
Interest on Masonic Temple Loan, due March 1, 1880, -	39,615 00	
Interest on Masonic Temple Loan, due Sept. 1, 1880, -	39,615 00	\$79,529 50
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Temple Committee, - - -	\$11,746 97	
Expenses Grand Master, - -	1,000 00	
Expenses District Deputy Grand Masters, - - - - -	1,364 19	
Expenses Grand Lodge:		
Printing, Books, &c., -	\$187 75	
Widow of P. G. Master,	200 00	
Printing Proceedings for 1879, - - -	466 92	
Funeral expenses, -	20 00	
Finance Committee for Certificate Books, Books, Stationery, Printing, Advertising, &c., Exchange of Loan,	750 00	
Expenses Election in December, - - -	29 00	
Craping Jewels, - -	5 00	
For Vails for Oriental room,	259 30	
Chestnut Street Hall:		
Taxes, -	\$3,481 25	
Water Rent, -	62 00	
Repairs, - -	179 75	\$3,723 00
		\$5,640 97

Salaries and Expenses Grand Officers and their Office Expenses, -	5,482 27	
Relief for Transient Brethren, -	150 00	
Library Committee, - - -	350 00	
Loan Account, - - - -	25,000 00	
Payment 6 per cent. Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, - -	91,450 00	
Sinking Fund, - - - -	500 00	222,213 90
Balance November 15, 1880, - - -		\$6,889 20

The account of the Grand Secretary for sale of Dispensations, Ahiman Rezon, Attests and Grand Lodge Certificates show :



Dispensations, - - - - -	\$1,440 00
Ahiman Rezons, - - - - -	107 00
Attests, - - - - -	141 00
Grand Lodge Certificates, - - - - -	96 00
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	\$1,784 00
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Which amount has been paid to Grand Treasurer.

The account of the Grand Secretary for Interest on Masonic Temple Redemption Loan show:

Amount of back Interest, March 1st, 1880, -	\$883 61
“ Interest due “ “ “ -	39,615 00
“ back Interest, due Sept, “ “ -	715 61
“ Interest, due “ “ “ -	39,615 00
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	\$80,829 22
Paid by Grand Secretary, - - - - -	80,232 11
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Balance uncalled for and in Bank, - - - - -	\$597 11
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The accounts of the Trustees of the Girard Bequest show:

Balance as per last report, - - - - -	\$210 05
Interest on investments, - - - - -	3,738 14
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	\$3,948 19
Paid Orders of Stewards, - - - - -	3,500 00
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Balance, - - - - -	\$448 19

Their investments are:

Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, \$51,000 00	
Lehigh Coal and Navigation Com-	
pany Gold Loan, - - - - -	8,000 00
Lehigh Coal and Navigation Com-	
pany Mortgage Loan, 1884, -	1,000 00
Balance Sunbury Masonic Hall As-	
sociation Mortgage, - - - - -	1,000 00
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	\$61,000 00

The accounts of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund show:

Balance on hand last report,	-	-	-	-	\$1,310 79
Interest on Investments,	-	-	-	-	4,149 55
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					\$5,460 34
Paid Orders of Almoners,	-		\$3,100 00		
“ “ for Investment,	-		1,040 00		4,140 00
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Balance,	-	-	-	-	\$1,320 00

Their investments are:

Masonic Temple 5 per cent. Redemption Loan, \$69,700 00

The accounts of the Commissioners of Sinking Fund show:

Balance on hand last report,	-	-	-	-	\$791 89
City Warrants collected,	-	-	-	-	7,461 88
Interest on same,	-	-	-	-	442 27
Sale of U. S. Loan,	-	-	-	-	20,000 00
Premium on same,	-	-	-	-	485 00
Interest on investments and Deposit,	-	-			2,042 45
From Bro. Thomas R. Patton, G. T., on account					
of appropriation,	-	-	-	-	500 00
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					\$31,723 49

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Paid for U. S. Loan,	-	-	\$7,000 00		
“ “ Premium,	-	-	175 00		
“ “ Masonic Temple R. Loan,					
6 per cent.,	-	-	1,800 00		
“ “ Premium,	-	-	109 25		
“ Grand Lodge,	-	-	20,000 00		
“ for Masonic Temple R. Loan,					
5 per cent.,	-	-	2,000 00		
“ “ Premium,	-	-	160 00		
“ “ Rent of Safe, Fidelity Life,					
Ins. and Trust Co.,	-	-	10 00		
“ “ Interest to Fidelity Ins. Co.,			57 78	\$31,312 03	
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Balance,	-	-	-	-	\$411 46



\$21,000 of Masonic Loan withdrawn and handed over to the Finance Committee for cancellation, Nov. 10th, 1880, per resolution of Grand Lodge, June, 1880.

Their investments are :

Masonic Temple Redemption 5 per

cent. Loan,           -       -       -       -       \$2,000 00

The Committee have examined the books and vouchers of the Temple Committee and Library Committee, and found them correct, and their transactions will be fully set out in their reports to the Grand Lodge. They have also examined the transfer of Bonds with the Bond Ledger, and found them correct.

The Grand Secretary furnished the Committee with a balance sheet of the affairs of the Grand Lodge on the 15th day of November, 1880, being the close of the fiscal year, and which is affixed hereto, and also one for the commencement of the fiscal year 1881.

The Committee presented the following estimated receipts and expenditures for the year 1881 :

#### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand November 15, 1880,	-	-	-	\$6,889	20
Dues,	-	-	-	48,000	00
Initiations,	-	-	-	9,000	00
Ten per cents,	-	-	-	22,000	00
Masonic Rents,	-	-	-	30,400	00
Store Rents, Chestnut Street Hall,	-	-	-	5,500	00
Dispensations,	-	-	-	5,000	00
Due by Lodges, &c.,	-	-	-	\$19,908	73
Masonic Rents, Dec. 31, 1880,	-			9,820	00
				<hr/>	\$29,728 00
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					\$136,717 93

#### PAYMENTS.

Due on Bonds—Masonic Temple 6  
per cent. Redemption Bonds not  
called for,

-       -       -       -       \$7,050 00

Interest on Masonic Temple 5 per			
cent. Redemption Loan, - -	\$63,975	00	
Expenses Grand Master, - -	1,500	00	
“ District Deputy Grand			
Masters, - - -	1,500	00	
“ Grand Lodge, including			
Printing Proceedings for			
1880, - - - -	1,200	00	
“ Chestnut Street Hall,			
Taxes, Water Rent, &c.,	5,000	00	
“ Committee on Temple,	11,254	00	
“ Committee on Library,	350	00	
Salaries, - - - - -	5,968	75	
Books, Stationery, Printing Notices,			
Postage, &c., - - - -	450	00	
			\$98,247 75
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			\$38,470 18
Due Sinking Fund, 1878, - -	\$14,500	00	
“ “ “ 1879, - -	15,000	00	
“ Temple Committee, balance ap-			
propriated, - - -	2,293	00	
“ Grand Master, “ “	500	00	
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			\$32,293 00
Balance, - - - - -			<hr/>
			\$6,177 18

The Grand Lodge has cause of congratulation upon the success that has attended it during the past ten years, during six of those our country experienced the most severe business prostration in its history.

Notwithstanding, the credit of the Grand Lodge has been fully maintained, and all your obligations have been promptly discharged. The fact may justly be attributed to the devotion and loyalty of the Craft throughout our Jurisdiction.

Your securities are eagerly sought for, and when they are offered for sale on the market, they command a high rate of premium.



The credit of the Grand Lodge stands second to no other corporation or institution in the country.

The funding of the 6 per cent Loan into a 5 per cent Loan, authorized at the December Communication, 1879, was completed during the month of September last; there remains outstanding the amount of \$7050 of the 6 per cent. Loan, which will be paid on presentation.

The funding of the 6 per cent Loan into the 5 per cent Loan, and the cancellation of \$21,000 of said Loan, which was held by the Sinking Fund (the same having been cancelled as authorized by the resolution of the Grand Lodge), and the further payment of \$20,000 of the 6 per cent Loan with that amount of funds held by the Sinking Fund, made in all a reduction of \$41,000 of the Grand Lodge's indebtedness, and a reduction of the interest account amounting to \$15,554.50 per annum.

The present indebtedness of the Grand Lodge is \$1,279,500, represented by the Masonic Temple 5 per cent. Redemption Loan.

The annual interest thereon is \$63,975.

After a careful examination and calculation of the present and prospective resources of the Grand Lodge, your Committee feel justified in recommending a reduction of the rents of the rooms of the Temple occupied by the Lodges and other Masonic bodies, with the exception of the Banqueting and Assembly rooms.

#### RECAPITULATION.

The indebtedness of the Grand Lodge in 1875

amounted to	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,470,525	00
Debt reduced during the past five years	-				-	191,025	00

Present amount,	-	-	-	\$1,279,500	00
The interest account in 1875 was	-	-	\$107,384	32	
The interest account in 1881 will be	-	-	63,975	00	

Reduction of interest,	-	-	\$43,409	32
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The Committee offer the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be and is hereby authorized and requested to draw his warrants on the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer for the payment of interest on the 5 per cent Loans for 1881, together with the other estimated expenses for same year, amounting in all to \$130,540.75.

*Resolved*, That the rents of the rooms in this Temple be reduced 15 per cent on the present rates paid, with the exception of the Banqueting and Assembly rooms; the reduction to date from December 31, 1880.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

JOHN C. YEAGER,  
JAMES HERDMAN,  
E. HARPER JEFFRIES,  
AUGUSTUS R. HALL,

*Committee on Finance.*

PHILADELPHIA, December 1, 1880.



## BALANCE SHEET GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

NOVEMBER 15, 1880.

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Lodge 3.....	\$5 00	Lodge 61.....	\$1 00
" 9.....	4 00	" 203.....	1 00
" 19.....	5 00	" 252.....	2 00
" 108.....	224 00	" 271.....	2 00
" 126.....	220 00	" 272.....	21 00
" 131.....	360 00	" 287.....	16 00
" 144.....	8 00	" 305.....	15 00
" 152.....	215 00	" 307.....	1 00
" 153.....	64 00	" 315.....	1 00
" 156.....	186 00	" 324.....	1 00
" 158.....	245 00	" 340.....	1 00
" 164.....	52 00	" 341.....	1 00
" 187.....	260 00	" 342.....	1 00
" 216.....	235 00	" 348.....	18 00
" 218.....	149 00	" 383.....	6 33
" 223.....	135 00	" 404.....	1 00
" 228.....	94 50	" 405.....	1 00
" 230.....	5 00	" 413.....	2 00
" 232.....	46 00	" 434.....	7 00
" 237.....	52 00	" 466.....	2 00
" 240.....	168 00	" 483.....	2 00
" 246.....	10 00	" 517.....	1 50
" 249.....	228 00	Mark Lodge No. 216..	30 00
" 254.....	163 00	City Dues.....	23,456 00
" 258.....	108 00	Dues other than City..	22,658 75
" 260.....	1 00	City Initiations.....	2,480 00
" 273.....	239 00	Initiations other than	
" 283.....	143 00	City.....	5,368 00
" 292.....	572 50	Ten Per Cents.....	2,013 00
" 295.....	365 00	Grand Lodge of Penna	792,292 17
" 296.....	487 00	Masonic Rents.....	37,819 58
" 297.....	58 00	Rents Chestnut St. Hall	5,850 00
" 298.....	87 00	Warrants.....	400 00
" 299.....	57 00	Dispensations.....	4,574 00
" 304.....	68 00	Masonic T. R. Loan, 6	
" 306.....	4 00	per cent.....	7,050 00
" 316.....	118 00	Masonic T. R. Loan, 5	
" 321.....	125 00	per cent.....	1,279,500 00
" 326.....	79 00	Evening News Co....	150 00
" 329.....	32 00	Premium Account....	2,942 50
" 331.....	25 00	Temple School of In-	
" 334.....	11 00	struction.....	15 00
" 336.....	103 00		
" 337.....	106 00		
" 338.....	97 00		
" 339.....	153 00		
" 351.....	80 00		
" 361.....	51 00		
" 363.....	131 00		
" 366.....	89 00		
Carried forward....	\$6523 00	Carried forward....	\$2,186,703 83

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Brought forward....	\$6523 00	Brought forward....	\$2,186,703 83
Lodge 368.....	120 00		
“ 376.....	52 00		
“ 377.....	99 00		
“ 380.....	235 00		
“ 385.....	362 50		
“ 386.....	2 00		
“ 401.....	1 00		
“ 402.....	5 00		
“ 407.....	38 00		
“ 416.....	78 00		
“ 419.....	10 00		
“ 424.....	67 00		
“ 427.....	8 00		
“ 436.....	120 00		
“ 438.....	32 00		
“ 439.....	32 00		
“ 441.....	791 50		
“ 444.....	240 00		
“ 445.....	20 00		
“ 446.....	76 00		
“ 453.....	470 00		
“ 459.....	26 00		
“ 460.....	41 25		
“ 463.....	136 00		
“ 471.....	53 00		
“ 473.....	86 00		
“ 477.....	100 00		
“ 478.....	37 00		
“ 481.....	5 00		
“ 482.....	405 00		
“ 487.....	510 00		
“ 491.....	480 00		
“ 492.....	22 00		
“ 493.....	120 00		
“ 505.....	3 00		
“ 506.....	214 00		
“ 507.....	107 00		
“ 514.....	89 00		
“ 520.....	83 65		
“ 525.....	139 00		
“ 527.....	560 00		
“ 528.....	545 00		
“ 529.....	240 00		
“ 530.....	40 00		
“ 533.....	39 00		
“ 534.....	64 00		
“ 537.....	46 00		
“ 540.....	96 00		
“ 543.....	176 00		
Chapter 3.....	360 00		
“ 52.....	180 00		
“ 91.....	180 00		
Carried forward....	\$14,564 90	Carried forward....	\$2,186,703 83



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Brought forward....	\$14,564 90	Brought forward.... \$2,186,703 83
Chapter 169.....	425 00	
“ 175 .....	720 00	
“ 232.....	360 00	
“ 248.....	720 00	
“ 250.....	360 00	
“ 251 .....	280 00	
“ 240.....	340 00	
Commandery 4.....	200 00	
“ 36.....	610 00	
“ 47.....	400 00	
“ 53.....	395 00	
Philadelphia Consis- tory, S. P. R. S. ....	466 66	
Grand Commandery, K. T.....	80 00	
Red Cross Constantine	10 00	
Girard School of In- struction .....	15 00	
Cash .....	6,889 20	
Expenses Gd. Master..	1,000 00	
“ D. D. Grand Masters.....	1,364 19	
Expenses Gd. Lodge..	5,488 97	
Salaries, &c.....	5,482 27	
Committee on Temple.	11,743 37	
Committee on Library.	350 00	
Interest.....	79,232 34	
Sinking Fund.....	2,411 46	
Stephen Girard Charity Fund.....	61,448 19	
Grand Lodge Charity Fund.....	71,020 33	
Real Estate.....	1,919,126 95	
Winchester & Co. ....	300 00	
Saulnier & Co.....	600 00	
C. M. Rosenthal.....	50 00	
Transient Relief. ....	250 00	
	<u>\$2,186,703 83</u>	<u>\$2,186,703 83</u>

BALANCE SHEET GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.  
NOVEMBER 15, 1880.

AFTER CLOSING ENTRIES FOR THE YEAR 1880 ARE MADE.

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Cash.....	\$6,889 20	Due to Lodges.....	\$299 83
Due by Lodges, &c...	20,208 56	Grand Lodge of Penna	794,254 86
Stephen Girard Charity Fund.....	61,448 19	Masonic Temple R. Loan, 6 per cent....	7,050 00
Grand Lodge Charity Fund.....	71,020 33	Masonic Temple R. Loan, 5 per cent....	1,279,500 00
Real Estate.....	1,919,126 95		
Sinking Fund.....	2,411 46		
	<u>\$2,081,104 69</u>		<u>\$2,081,104 69</u>

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be filed and entered upon the minutes :

PHILADELPHIA, November 15, 1880.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :*

BRETHREN:—The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, submit the following statement, showing the financial operation of the Trust for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1880 :

The Trustees having been notified by the Finance Committee that the Grand Lodge intended to reduce the rate of interest on the loan from six to five per cent giving the owners of the six per cent bonds the privilege of changing them for the new issue, or receiving the principal in cash, under the circumstance the Trustees deemed it advisable to accept the proposition, and directed the change of bonds to be made as proposed by the Grand Lodge, the Trustees receiving a like amount of five per cent bonds as the six per cent surrendered. The invested capital of the Fund has been increased during the year in the sum of one thousand dollars, by the purchase of one certificate for that amount of the new five per cent Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, at a cost of one thousand and forty dollars, thereby making the invested capital of the Fund at this time amount to sixty-nine thousand seven hundred dollars (\$69,700.00), all of which is invested in five per cent Masonic Temple Redemption Loan. By adding the balance due Trust \$1320.34, to the investments, will make the par value of the Fund amount to \$71,020.34, making a gain of \$1009.55 during the year.

JACOB LAUDENSLAGER,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
GEORGE GRISCOM,		
DANIEL BRITTAIN,		
JOHN HANOLD,		
EDWARD STRICKLAND,		



## TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

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Jan'y	1,	To balance, - - -	\$1,310 79	
March	2,	" interest on Masonic Loan, 2,061 00		
Sept.	10,	" " " " " 2,061 00		
Nov.	11,	" " " Deposit, - 27 55		
			<hr/>	\$5,460 34

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Jan'y	12,	By Order No. 1, in favor of		
		Almoners, - - -	\$1,100 00	
April	9,	By Order No. 2, in favor of		
		Almoners, - - -	500 00	
July	10,	By Order No. 3, in favor of		
		Almoners, - - -	500 00	
Aug.	11,	Cash paid for one thousand		
		dollar certificate of 5 per		
		cent. Masonic Temple Re-		
		demption Loan, - - -	1,040 00	
Oct.	8,	By Order No. 4, in favor of		
		Almoners, - - -	1,000 00	
			<hr/>	\$4,140 00
Nov.	15,	To balance on Deposit in Bank,		\$1,320 34

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GIRARD BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest made the following report. On motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted :

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :*

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report that they have received during the fiscal year, ending November 15, 1880—

From interest on Investments, - - -	\$3,735 00	
" " Deposits, - - -	3 14	\$3,738 14
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To which add balance November 15, 1879, per	
Report of Finance Committee, - -	\$210 05

Makes a total of - - - -	\$3,948 19
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They have paid during the same period on orders for the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, - - - -	3,500 00
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Leaving a balance November 15, 1880, of \$448 19  
On deposit in the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on  
Lives and Granting Annuities, at 1 per cent.

Their accounts with securities of the Trust have been ex-  
amined by the Finance Committee and found correct.

The only change in the investments since the date of the  
last report is the change of the \$51,000 Masonic Temple 6  
per cent Redemption Loan for the new 5 per cent Masonic  
Temple Redemption Loan, and they are, at the close of the  
fiscal year, November 15, 1880, as follows:

Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, 5 per cent,	
No. 5-14, \$5000 each, No. 45 for \$1000, -	\$51,000 00
Bond and Mortgage Sunbury Masonic Hall As-	
sociation, balance due, - - - -	1,000 00
Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.'s Loan of 1884,	1,000 00
Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.'s Gold Loan,	8,000 00

Making total investments at par value,	\$61,000 00
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The securities are in the hands of the Chairman, and are  
deposited in his box at Fidelity Company.

The reduced rate of interest upon the largest part of the  
investments of the Trust makes it necessary in the opin-  
ion of the Trustees, to make the appropriation for the  
coming year, for the charitable purposes of the Trust but  
\$3000.

The Trustees respectfully ask the adoption of the follow-  
ing resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and



the same is hereby appropriated to the use of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending December, 1881, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,  
GEO. THOMSON,  
HENRY C. HOWELL,  
C. M. PREVOST,  
JACOB ROBERTS,

*Trustees.*

DECEMBER 1, 1880.

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws reported among other things the following, which was referred to the Committee on Landmarks :

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :*

BRETHREN:—In regard to the communication from Lodge No. —, your Committee can only say, that it has been an invariable practice in this Grand Lodge to approve of all By-Laws proposed by a Lodge regulating its internal affairs, unless they included subject matter not proper for By-Laws ; were subversive of the ancient usages, customs and landmarks of the Craft ; were in violation of the provisions of the Ahiman Rezon ; the rules, regulations or edicts of the Grand Lodge, or of the rights of members, or endangered the perpetuity of the Lodge itself.

The By-Law of that Lodge referred to, provides for the appointment of certain persons as a committee to take charge of the regalia and furniture of the Lodge, etc., and was adopted in its present form doubtless to prevent a conflict of authority (as is always desirable), and as it does not come within any of the excepted matters, this Grand Lodge approved it, upon a report of the Committee on By-Laws, and we see no reason to recommend any change, except it

shall be requested by the Lodge in the proper form as an amendment to their By-Laws. Said By-Law is as binding on the Worshipful Master under his official obligation as upon any other member of that Lodge.

As a Committee on Regalia, Furniture, etc., is not necessary as a Standing Committee, for the proper working of the Lodge, but is in some respects convenient, the Lodge has an undoubted right to provide in its By-Laws for such a Committee, and to also provide who shall constitute the Committee without thereby violating any law, custom, usage, regulation or edict of this Grand Lodge.

We recommend that no further action be had in the matter, except to forward a copy of so much of this report as refers to the subject to Lodge No. —.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

*Chairman.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1, 1880.

## REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund made the following report, which, on motion, was accepted and ordered to be entered upon the minutes and filed:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund respectfully present their Seventh Annual Report.

The balance on hand November 15, 1879, as

appears by the Sixth Annual Report presented to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, December 3, 1879, was - - - - -

\$791 89

They have since received cash from Grand Treas-

urer on account of appropriation, - - -

500 00

Principal of City Warrants paid off - - -

7,461 88

\$20,000 U. S. 5 per ct. Loan of 1881 sold, - - -

20,485 00

Interest on City Warrants, - - -

\$442 27



Interest on Masonic Temple 6 per cent.

Red. Loan, - - -	\$1,260 00	
" U. S. 5 per ct. Loan, 1881, -	775 00	
" Deposits in Fidelity Co., -	7 45	2,484 72
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		\$31,723 49

And there has been paid for Masonic Temple 6 per ct. Redemp. Loan,

Principal, - - - - -	\$1,800 00	
Premium on do., - - - - -	109 22	1,909 25

For Masonic Temple 5 per cent. Re-

demption Loan, Principal, - - -	\$2,000 00	
Premium on do., - - - - -	160 00	2,160 00

For U. S. 5 per ct. Loan, 1881, Prin-

cipal, - - - - -	\$7,000 00	
Premium on do., - - - - -	175 00	7,175 00

For Grand Lodge for purchase of Certificates of 6 per ct. Loan, called in for redemption, 20,000 00

For interest to Fidelity Co., on temporary Loan of \$20,000 - - - - - 57 78

For Rent of Safe in Fidelity, - - - - - 10 00

Balance, November 15, 1880, - - - - - 411 46

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\$31,723 49

The balance on November 15, 1880, is on deposit to their credit in the Fidelity, at an interest of 2 per cent.

Their accounts to the close of the fiscal year, November 15, 1880, with the securities of the Fund, have been examined by the Finance Committee and found correct.

The \$21,000 Masonic Temple 6 per cent. Redemption Loan, held by the Fund, have been cancelled, pursuant to order of Grand Lodge, June 2, 1880.

The Fund, at the close of the fiscal year, stood as follows :

Masonic Temple Redemption Loan, 5 per cent.	\$2,000 00
Cash, - - - - -	411 46
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Making in all, - - - - -	\$2,411 46

There have been no changes in the Fund and investments during the intervening period.

There is still due the Fund of appropriations made by Grand Lodge, \$29,500.

All which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Commissioners.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS,

*Chairman.*

DECEMBER 1, 1880.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE.

The Committee on Temple made the following report, which was, on motion, accepted and ordered to be entered on the Minutes and filed.

PHILADELPHIA, December 1, 1880.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:—The Temple Committee would respectfully report that they have expended as follows, viz.:

For the year ending November 15, 1880:

Wages of Superintendent,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,300 00
“ Engineer,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,040 00
“ Firemen,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	917 64
“ Watchman,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	624 00
“ Laborers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,329 50
Gas,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,027 71
Fuel,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	661 46
Ice,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	122 00
Water Rent,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	166 00
Contingent Expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,818 69
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$12,007 00

We would further report that, in accordance with a resolution adopted at the Communication of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, in March last, directing us to expend not exceeding six thousand (6000) dollars for the alteration of Gothic Hall, suggested by a committee representing the



bodies meeting in that Hall, we adopted the plans prepared by Brother JAMES H. WINDRIM, Architect, and entered into a contract with Brother H. PHILLIPPI for said alteration, and the work has been completed to the entire satisfaction of all who are interested in it. The cost of said alteration was as follows:

Henry Phillippi, contractor,	-	-	-	-	\$2,125 00
“ “ new stairs to Banquet Hall,	-	-	-	-	300 00
“ “ enclosing main entrance door,	-	-	-	-	85 00
“ “ 2 clothes and hat racks,	-	-	-	-	90 00
“ “ electricity and battery box,	-	-	-	-	6 92
“ “ enclosing organ platform,	-	-	-	-	2 70
“ “ door and cutting through air duct,	-	-	-	-	80 00
“ “ galvanized hooks in ceiling,	-	-	-	-	20 00
“ “ iron rivets and ornaments,	-	-	-	-	7 60
“ “ table in ante-room,	-	-	-	-	9 00
Samuel C. Perkins, legal advice and drawing contract,	-	-	-	-	75 00
James T. Allen, plastering and tinting,	-	-	-	-	263 32
C. W. Nonneville, upholstering,	-	-	-	-	160 90
Wilhelm & Neumann, reflectors,	-	-	-	-	525 00
Jno. & James Dobson, carpets,	-	-	-	-	1,515 38
Partrick & Carter, electricity,	-	-	-	-	125 00
L. Thompson & Co., cabinetmakers,	-	-	-	-	42 00
John Borden & Co., gasfitters,	-	-	-	-	14 00
Cornelius & Co., gas fittings,	-	-	-	-	6 17
A. S. Leach, cleaning old carpet	-	-	-	-	4 12
T. H. Aurocker, locksmith,	-	-	-	-	2 50
J. P. Wood & Co., altering radiator,	-	-	-	-	21 49
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					\$5,481 10

There is due to the architect about one hundred and fifty dollars, which bill was not received in time to have audited by the Finance Committee.

There was some old carpet and matting sold, the pro-

ceeds of which were turned over to the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, and will doubtless appear in his accounts.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. J. KELLY,  
GODFREY KEEBLER,  
HIBBERT P. JOHN,  
SAMUEL W. WRAY,  
HENRY K. SMITH.

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library made the following report, which was, on motion, accepted and ordered to be entered on the Minutes and filed.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :*

The Library Committee fraternally submit their annual report :

The receipts have been :

From appropriation of Grand Lodge,	-	-	\$350	00
From sale of reprints,	-	-	22	00
Balance on hand last report,	-	-	281	47
Total,	-	-	\$653	47

The expenditures have been :

Purchase of Books and Papers,	-	-	131	68
Stationery and Postage,	-	-	16	00
Freight and Expressage, including duty,	-	-	15	21
Salary of Assistant, Bro. Wm. Shinn,	-	-	138	80
Catalogueing Literary Masonic Works,	-	-	75	00
Paid Account of Reprint,	-	-	22	00
Insurance on Sheets of Memorial Volume,	-	-	12	00

Total,	-	-	\$410	69
Balance on hand for current expenses,	-	-	242	78

All of which have been examined and approved by the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge.



Donations in many cases large and valuable have been received from

Bro. Michael Nisbet,	G. M.,	Bro. George Griscom,
" Thomas R. Patton,	G. T.,	" Emmel Crawford,
" John Thomson,	G. S.,	" Jas. G. Hardie,
" Sam'l C. Perkins,	P. G. M.,	" F. G. Adams,
" H. G. Clark,		" Wm. J. Hughan,
" Geo. E. McLaughlin,		" T. B. Whytehead,
" Wm. M. Cunningham,	P. G. M.,	" Chas. H. Kingston,
of Ohio.		And others.

Part III of the Reprint is nearly completed, and will be delivered as soon as ready.

At the request of a number of Brethren, we have added to Part III a phototype and description of the old Pennsylvania Freemason's Hall on Filbert street, in 1802, as also a full and complete list of Lodges warranted or working in Pennsylvania, from the earliest date to the present time, with date of their warrants. This list is valuable, and is the first complete list published, and is of interest to a number of Lodges who will soon complete their hundredth anniversary.

If we had more encouragement from the Craft we would have used greater exertions to have issued this part earlier. We have also during the year completed the Catalogue of the Masonic portion of the Library, not, however, including the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES E. MEYER,  
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,  
JAMES S. BARBER,  
EDWARD S. WYCKOFF,  
WM. C. HAMILTON,  
JOHN L. YOUNG,  
CHARLES W. PACKER.

The following Amendment to the AHIMAN REZON was read and laid over until December next :

Amend SEC. 13 of ARTICLE XVII of the AHIMAN REZON,

by striking out of the 6th and 7th lines, on page 48, all between the words "present " and " shall."

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 11 o'clock 55 minutes, P. M.

JOHN THOMSON,

*Grand Secretary.*



# Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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## ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27, A. D. 1880, A. L. 3880.

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### P R E S E N T :

Bro. MICHAEL NISBET,	- -	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" SAMUEL B. DICK,	- -	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" CONRAD B. DAY,	- -	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,	-	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" THOMAS R. PATTON,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN THOMSON,	- - -	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,		<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
" JOSEPH EICHBAUM	-	} <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
" ALEX'R M. LLOYD,	-	
" WM. B. MEREDITH,	-	
" GEORGE A. JENKS,	-	
" JAMES W. ROBINS,	-	} <i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" EDGAR M. LEVY,	-	
" J. S. J. McCONNELL,	-	
" ALFRED C. STULB,	- -	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" THOMAS S. WOODBURY,		<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" GEORGE MEYERS,	-	} <i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" LOUIS M. CHASTEAU,	-	
" GEO. W. WOOD,	- -	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" ALEX. H. MORGAN,	- -	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" OSCAR R. MEYERS,	- -	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" HARRISON G. CLARK,	-	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Bro. JOHN THOMSON, - -	}	<i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
" RICHARD VAUX, - -		
" SAMUEL C. PERKINS,		
" MICHAEL NISBET, -		
R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. RICHARD VAUX,	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of New York, Illinois, South Carolina, Alabama, Texas, Minnesota and Wash- ington Territory.</i>
R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. SAMUEL C. PERKINS,	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Louis- iana.</i>
R. W. Past Grand Master Bro. MICHAEL NISBET,	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.</i>
R. W. Bro. E. COPPÉE MIT- CHELL, - - - - -	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.</i>
R. W. Bro. CONRAD B. DAY,	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.</i>
Bro. CHARLES E. MEYER, -	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.</i>
" AUGUSTUS R. HALL, -	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.</i>
" JOHN CURTIS, - - -	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.</i>
" MICHAEL ARNOLD, - -	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.</i>
" WM. B. HACKENBURG,	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, &amp;c.</i>
" CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA	}	<i>Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.</i>

Sixty-two Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock  
15 minutes, A. M.

An edict was received and read from Most Wor-



shipful Brother WM. H. SCOTT, Grand Master of Masons in Illinois, revoking the edict of third day of October, A. D. 1878, suspending fraternal relations with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Scotland. Ordered to be filed.

A missive was received and read from Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM R. COX, Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of North Carolina, appointing Right Worshipful Brother MICHAEL NISBET the Representative of that Most Worshipful Grand Lodge near the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

On motion, the missive was received and Right Worshipful Brother MICHAEL NISBET was acknowledged as the Representative of said Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

A missive was received and read from Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. McGRATH, Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Michigan, in the United States of America, appointing Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA the Representative of that Most Worshipful Grand Lodge near the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

On motion the missive was received and Brother CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA was acknowledged as the Representative of said Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

## REPORT OF ALMONERS OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

The Almoners made the following report :

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :*

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund respectfully submit for your approval the following statement of their operations during the past year:

Amount appropriated by the Trustees of the		
Grand Lodge Charity Fund for the use of the		
Almoners,	- - - - -	\$3,100 00
Balance on hand at beginning of year,	- -	173 00
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		\$3,273 00
Amount donated to 295 applicants,	\$3,266 00	
Amount expended for stationery,	7 00	
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		\$3,273 00

Relief was granted upon 295 Applications.

Of the above 255 hailed from Pennsylvania.

2	"	New York.
1	"	New Jersey.
6	"	Delaware.
6	"	Virginia.
2	"	Rhode Island.
4	"	Iowa.
1	"	Mississippi.
6	"	Louisiana.
1	"	Alabama.
3	"	South Carolina.
1	"	Canada.
3	"	Ireland.
4	"	West Indies.

Total - 295

Being an increase of 10 applications over the number upon which relief was granted during previous year, in addition to a number upon which action was deferred for want of funds.



An examination of the statistics will show that the applications that have been approved and upon which relief has been granted were considerably in excess of the number acted upon during the previous year. Upon a lessened appropriation, this has, of course, necessitated a corresponding reduction in the amount granted to the various applicants, and very often, when measured by the pitiful appeal made by some aged mother or distressed widow of a deceased Brother, the sum granted for their relief seemed ridiculously small. Very few, however, were turned away empty, and it has been the constant aim of your Almoners to so distribute the limited amount placed at their disposal that as many as possible might be enabled to share in its benefits.

The hard times prevailing during the past few years, and an increasing knowledge of the existence of this fund among our Brethren outside of the city, has had a tendency to largely increase the number of new applications for relief, and it becomes a matter of serious concern for your Almoners to determine just how to act, so that none who are entitled have their claims entirely overlooked.

They would, therefore, again ask your attention to the great importance of devising some means in addition to the income derived from the present fund whereby the amount placed in their care for distribution can be increased, rather than as has been suggested by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund that the appropriations be reduced to the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) for the ensuing year.

The appropriations heretofore have varied in amount from three thousand (\$3000) to thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3500) per annum, and have in no instance proved to be as great as the necessities of the applicants seemed to require; but your Almoners, impressed with the superior wisdom of the Trustees, have endeavored to show the true Masonic spirit of obedience to the higher powers, and have done the best that their judgment would permit under the circumstances, but certainly not without feeling very frequently that it

savored too much of the nature of a farce, that the representatives of over sixty Lodges should be weekly called together and sit in judgment in the disposal of the paltry sum appropriated to them; and we very respectfully venture to suggest that if the reputation for charity of the Masonic Fraternity, and more particularly that of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which has ever been of the most liberal character, is to be maintained, we think that its economies should begin at some other point than at that which deprives the widows, orphans and other dependents of our deceased Brethren of the small trifle of relief that has heretofore been granted to them from this Fund.

Very respectfully submitted,

ALFRED C. STULB,

*President of Almoners Grand Lodge Charity Fund.*

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27, 1880.

Brother JOHN C. YEAGER moved that the entire income of the fund belonging to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund be appropriated to the Almoners until otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge, which was agreed to.

#### REPORT OF THE STEWARDS OF STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

The Stewards of Stephen Girard Charity Fund made the following report :

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:*

The undersigned, on behalf of the Stewards of the "Stephen Girard Charity Fund," submits the following report of their proceedings for the year ending December 27, 1880 :

Balance on hand December 26, 1879, as per last report,	-	-	\$25 00
Amount appropriated to Class No. 1,	-	-	\$950 00
"                    "          2,	-	-	800 00
"                    "          3,	-	-	800 00
"                    "          4,	-	-	950 00
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Total amount appropriated by Grand Lodge,	-	-	3,500 00
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\$3,525 00			



In the performance of their official duty, the Stewards have granted relief to one hundred and ninety-six "poor and respectable Brethren," to wit :

To 188 hailing under this Jurisdiction, - - -	\$3,065 75	
" 8 hailing under other Jurisdictions, viz. :		
" 3 " " New York, - -	\$40 00	
" 1 " " West Virginia, -	10 00	
" 1 " " District of Columbia,	20 00	
" 1 " " Michigan, - -	15 00	
" 1 " " Iowa, - - -	30 00	
" 1 " " Canada, - - -	30 00	145 00
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Paid for Order Book for use of Stewards,		
January 1, 1880, - - - - -	\$6 50	
Paid for Minute Book for use of Stewards,		
November 4, 1880, - - - - -	5 75	12 25
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	\$3,223 00	
Balance remaining December 27, 1880, -	302 00	\$3,525 00
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Respectfully submitted,

B. J. WOODWARD,

*President of Stewards.*

The Committee on Correspondence submitted their report, which was referred to the Grand Officers with power to print, and offered the following, which were adopted :

WHEREAS, It appears that the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Island of Cuba, with which this Grand Lodge is now in fraternal relations, have united to its jurisdiction the so-called Grand Lodge of Colon, and accepted the allegiance of its subordinates, under the title of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Island of Cuba and Colon ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hereby offers to that Grand Lodge its fraternal congratulations.

Masonic information received from the Right Worshipful Past Grand Master VINCIL, now the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of that Grand Lodge, that the difficulty existing between the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and the Grand Lodge of Dakota no longer exists, as the only subor-

dinate Lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, which continued to work under its charter from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota has received a charter from Dakota, and thus accepted its allegiance to that Grand Lodge ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hereby extends to the Grand Lodge of Dakota its fraternal recognition, and tenders it the earnest wish for its peace and prosperity.

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The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother MICHAEL NISBET, delivered the following address :

BRETHREN :

The year we are about to close has been a calm and peaceful one within our own borders, nothing having occurred to disturb the harmony of the Craft ; nor has any event occurred to disturb the Fraternal relations which existed at its commencement with those Grand Lodges with which we were then in correspondence.

The prospects for the ensuing year indicate greater prosperity for the Fraternity than we have enjoyed in the present one, which has been more prosperous than its predecessor.

The Lodges generally are in good condition, although there are a few exceptions principally in the oil regions where the population is migratory. As the production of oil decreases in one locality and a more productive one is discovered, so its people remove from the less to the more productive region,



and in a few days, comparatively speaking, the once prosperous Lodge is left with barely sufficient Brethren to retain its organization, and with little or no population from which to obtain an increase of membership. None of the Lodges have so far been compelled to surrender their warrants for this reason, but a few have been badly crippled.

At an early period of the year we commenced a series of visitations to the subordinate Lodges, in which we were accompanied by such of the Grand Officers as could from time to time attend. These visits were not so numerous nor as widely extended over our jurisdiction as we had wished and intended, our private business having seriously interfered with our intentions. Sixty-six Lodges were visited, however, and in each instance we were, as in the preceding year, present at the opening and remained until the Lodge had closed. In each instance the officers of the Lodge were required, if there were candidates, to confer the degrees, and if there were none, then to rehearse the work, that we might ascertain what, if any, proficiency had been attained since our former visit, or whether the errors we had called attention to were being continued. We addressed the Brethren in each Lodge, renewing our offer to instruct the officers, which they had not availed themselves of as generally as we had expected; pointing out and correcting errors when they occurred; explaining the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge when deemed neces-

sary ; cautioning the Brethren not to repeat outside of the Lodge what was done within it, as the profanes had nothing whatever to do with what transpired within its tiled precincts ; impressing upon them never to recognize a sign or grip given at improper times or in improper places, except under such peculiar circumstances as warranted their being given ; exhorting them to greater care in the selection of their officers, as the welfare and prosperity of the Lodge largely depended, not only upon the character of the Brethren they elevated to the several stations, but also upon the zeal and efficiency they displayed in the discharge of the duties thereof, and suggesting that no officer should be advanced unless he merited it.

In endeavoring to repress errors, we have had in many Lodges to overcome the belief that they had the correct work. It is the exception where a Lodge does not enjoy the possession of an oracle—generally self-constituted—who fosters this belief, and who by his assurance and pertinacity forces his instruction on each successive set of officers. An imperfect recollection of what he did when Worshipful Master, with a few of what he considers improvements on the prosaic work of this jurisdiction, thrown in to make it more palatable, he lays down as the true work. If the Grand Master declares any portion of it erroneous, the oracle's pride is wounded, his veracity is considered impeached. He subsequently disarms criticism of his work by his Brethren by declaring



that each Grand Master has a work of his own which accounts for the difference, and in a positive way reaffirms his former statements that his work is precisely the same as was done in the Lodge when he was made a Mason. His positiveness has its effect upon his officers. They believe in him, and become so wedded to his teachings, that the admonitions and instructions of the Grand Master fall unheeded, because they think his successor will change them. This barrier to instruction we are pleased to say is gradually giving away, and we hope by the end of another year will have disappeared forever.

In attempting to repress the errors inculcated by these Brethren, we have met with their disapprobation. We expected it, however, and were not surprised at it. Whether we have merited it, we leave to their calmer reflections. To those who have been disposed to complain, we fraternally direct their attention to the fact that the Grand Master is governed by the laws of this Grand Lodge, which are not respecters of persons ; that he cannot stop to consider the feelings of a Brother when the welfare of the Craft is at stake. It is made his duty to give instruction, correct error, and repress all attempts at innovation. He, and he alone, is the fountain head or source of all Masonic information and instruction. His word is the law which all Brethren, who have a due regard for their obligations, are bound to respect and obey. He would be derelict to the trust confided to him, if he for one

moment permitted any new isms or theoretical ideas of progression to supplant a Landmark, or even the usages or customs which wisdom and experience have established.

Of course, there are many agreeable exceptions to the foregoing cases. The officers of many of our Lodges have gladly availed themselves of every opportunity for instruction, showing a determination on their part to do credit to themselves, which is as honorable to them as it is gratifying to us.

That there is a marked improvement in the work it gives us pleasure to admit. We know that improvement has and is taking place, and while we are gratified at and rejoice in it, we do not wish nor intend to take the credit of it to ourselves. To the Temple School of Instruction much of the credit is due. We have again visited it, and find the errors we had previously pointed out in their instruction have been omitted, and their work, so far as we have had the opportunity of judging it, is as correct as the uncertainty of human memory will permit. Its membership has largely increased, and is increasing. The desire to learn the work has been aroused, and a spirit of emulation is being developed, which is the harbinger of still greater efforts to exclude from the work all that may be a cause for censure or complaint.

We have caused the Minutes of several Lodges to be examined by the Grand Secretary, some of which have disclosed peculiarities which might be avoided



by more frequent examinations of the Lodge records. In each instance he has submitted a written report thereon, stating with his usual candor such errors as he discovered, either in their phraseology or in the transactions of the Lodge, as he thought should be brought to our notice. These reports were sent by us to the respective Worshipful Masters, with such comments and advice as we considered necessary, with instructions to have the report read in open Lodge, and copied in full upon its Minutes.

The present form of Minutes for Subordinate Lodges not being as comprehensive as required by our present Ahiman Rezon, we have recently had a new form prepared. The present Grand Secretary, for a reason you can appreciate, thought it best it should not be issued until after the close of the present year. It will therefore be submitted to my successor, and if approved by him, will shortly be placed in the possession of every Secretary and District Deputy Grand Master.

Our circular letter as to the form to be pursued before suspending a Brother for non-payment of dues, has had the desired effect. In a few instances it does not seem to have been fully understood. Where any irregularity has since occurred which has come to our notice, we have immediately declared the action of the Lodge null and void, and the Brother, irregularly suspended, to be a Member of the Lodge.

In two instances we have exercised our preroga-

tive of having Masons made by virtue of our presence. In the first, we authorized a Lodge, in which we were present, to Enter, Pass and Raise an applicant under age; and in the second, we opened a Lodge for the express purpose of conferring the three Degrees upon an applicant, we being satisfied in each instance, that the exigencies of the case warranted us in so doing, and that the applicant possessed the necessary qualifications.

It having come to our knowledge that a Brother had been passed to the Chair without a dispensation first being obtained for that purpose, we summoned the Brother so passed, and also summoned the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, to appear before us with the Lodge Warrant and Minute Book. Being satisfied that neither of them were privy to such an outrageous act, but that the Secretary had perpetrated this fraud upon the Lodge and on them, we declared the action null and void, and of no effect, and directed the Worshipful Master to cause charges to be preferred against the Secretary, which has since been done.

Having been officially informed of the death of Brother Cadwalader Evans, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of New York, we appointed Brother William Van Wyck, our Grand Representative near that Grand Lodge in his place and stead.



We have also appointed :

Brother WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Brother CLINTON D. SELLEW, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Brother HUGH McCURDY, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Brother WILLIAM R. COX, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Accompanied by some of the Grand and Past Grand Officers, we were present at the Centennial Anniversary of Lodge No. 25, March 29. There was a large attendance of the Brethren of this and sister Jurisdictions. Appropriate festivities graced the occasion, and everything passed off with satisfaction to the Grand Officers, the Brethren of No. 25, and their numerous guests.

There has been one Lodge constituted, No. 555, at Duke Centre, McKean county, and a Warrant has been granted for another to be located at Lewisville, Potter county.

During my administration as acting Grand Master, a complaint was made against a Lodge in New Jersey by a Lodge in this City, for having expelled one of its members from all the privileges of Freemasonry. The facts of the case were, that the Lodge in New Jersey had preferred in the Lodge here a charge against one of its members for an alleged offense said to have been committed while residing in the vicinity of the former Lodge, and without

waiting to ascertain what action the Lodge here would take upon the charges, proceeded to try and expelled him from the Craft, although he was not a resident of New Jersey, either at the time the charges were preferred, nor when he was tried and expelled. I addressed the then Most Worshipful Grand Master of New Jersey, in reference to this action, July 30. No reply was received to my communication until that official called upon me in December ensuing, and informed me he had no power to reverse the action of their Lodge; it would have to be done by authority of their Grand Lodge, which met in January. At that meeting the subject was referred to the proper committee, which, upon a technicality, and from want of proper information, declined to recommend a reversal of the action of their Lodge. Dissatisfied with this determination of what we considered a gross usurpation of power as well as injustice to a Brother, we wrote at the suggestion of the then Grand Master to the chairman of the committee, and submitted a clear, comprehensive and forcible statement of the reasons for demanding that the action of their Lodge should be reversed, and requesting him to have his committee take immediate action, at the same time stating that while we had the power to declare the Brother a Mason in good standing, we refrained from taking any action that might disturb the comity that should always exist among the Craft wherever located, and from a feeling that



the Brethren in New Jersey would not hesitate to right a wrong as soon as the facts of the case were made known to them; when we were again informed that nothing could be done until the next meeting of their Grand Lodge, which was in January of this year. It affords me pleasure to state that at this latter meeting, the subject was referred to the same Brethren to whom it had been previously referred, and upon their report the action of their Lodge was reversed, and the expulsion removed. No mention of this case was made in our preceding address, we deeming it unwise to call general attention to it at that time, and also feeling assured that that sense of Masonic justice, which has always characterized the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in its intercourse with this Grand Lodge, would, as soon as the facts were made known, arrive at that conclusion, which to us, it has so satisfactorily reached.

A fraternal correspondence has also been recently entered into with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of New York in reference to a member of a Lodge in the city of New York, who is supposed to be a rejected applicant in this Jurisdiction. It has been resolved into a question of identity, which we expect to prove beyond a doubt, when we feel assured that that official's action will be satisfactory to this Grand Lodge.

Our financial standing in this community has been shown by the readiness with which so large a number

of the holders of our six per cent bonds exchanged them for our five per cent ones. That a greater number did not avail themselves of the opportunity to make the exchange, was mainly owing to a misunderstanding on their part. This, however, resulted to our pecuniary advantage, as the amount unexchanged was disposed of at a premium, which considerably more than covered the cost of printing the new bonds and all expenses incidental to the change. Our five per cent bonds command a premium of ten per cent in open market, and rank among the most approved securities for permanent investment. A convincing proof that the honesty and integrity that has always characterized this Grand Lodge in its relations as a debtor, have elevated our Society to the highest rank in public estimation.

The balance in our Treasury at the close of our fiscal year was \$6889.20, which has been increased until it now reaches \$20,375.35, from which is to be deducted for unexchanged six per cent bonds, the money for which has not been called for, \$5150.00, which leaves a net balance of \$15,525.35, a comfortable excess of the balance of a year ago.

Amidst our congratulations we must not omit the facts, that we have had, and now have cause for regrets. Two of our Past Grand Masters have been called from their earthly labors—Brothers ROBERT CLARK and JOSEPH R. CHANDLER. Eulogies upon their lives and their Masonic services having been pro-



nounced, and appropriate resolutions having been adopted and sent to their respective families, no further comment is needed at this time.

The voluntary retirement of our venerable Brother JOHN THOMSON from the station of Grand Secretary, which he so ably filled for a period of over fourteen years, and in which we would so gladly have continued him, has caused a pang of regret to all, but more particularly to those whose official position have thrown them into more intimate relations with him. Throughout his long and active career as a Mason, his wisdom and integrity, and his faithful adherence to all that Masonry could ask or his Brethren expect of him, has so endeared him to us all, that we sincerely hope that, although he has severed his official connection, he may be permitted to meet with us for many, many years, and give us the benefit of his counsel and experience.

It is a source of gratification to us to refer to the District Deputy Grand Masters, who, with but few exceptions, have discharged their duty with commendable zeal and fidelity. The rearrangement of their Districts, two years ago, made many Lodges more easy of access than formerly, although the obstacles to travel in the more thinly settled Districts, unopened by railroads, still exist. The Craft has been benefited by the changes, as is evident from the wider dissemination of the work and knowledge of the law.

To the Grand Officers, both elected and appointed,

we tender our acknowledgments for their support and assistance, which have always been willingly rendered whenever required. To one, however, more than this passing acknowledgment is due. We allude to the Grand Marshal, Brother GEORGE W. WOOD, whose services to the Craft have been invaluable. In the one hundred and forty-seven visitations made during our two terms as Grand Master, he accompanied us on one hundred and twenty-seven of them. Always willing to give instruction to the Brethren either in or out of the Lodge, he has done more to dispense Masonic light and information than any other Brother in our jurisdiction, and to him in a great measure is due the improvement noticed in the work of many of our Lodges, and it affords us pleasure to thus lay our appreciation of his services before this Grand Lodge.

Before performing our last official duty as Grand Master, to install our able successor in the station to which you have unanimously elected him, and invest him with the insignia of his office and place the Gavel in his hands, we must again thank you for the honors you have conferred upon us, and also say to you that we have endeavored to discharge our duties without fear or favor, with but one end in view, that we might promote the welfare of the Craft under our care; maintain our ancient work in all its purity, and keep our Landmarks free from innovation. If we have not filled the measure of our expectation, we ask from you that pardon which we all hope to receive from



Him, before whom every knee shall bow, from Him, to whom our thanks are due for all His past mercies, and in whom our future rests.

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So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 1st, A. L. 5880, as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read, when the following named Brethren were duly installed in their respective stations, for the ensuing Masonic year, in ancient and solemn form, viz :

Bro. SAMUEL B. DICK,	- -	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ CONRAD B. DAY,	- -	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ E. COPPÉE MITCHELL,	-	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ JOSEPH EICHBAUM,	- -	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ THOMAS R. PATTON,	-	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ MICHAEL NISBET,	- -	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, delivered the following address :

BRETHREN :

Following the usages and custom of my predecessors, who have so ably filled the position of Grand Master of Masons in this jurisdiction, I desire to make known briefly my views regarding the management of the affairs of the Grand Lodge which have been so generously confided to my care.

In electing me to the high and honorable position of Grand Master, the Grand Lodge has taken a wide departure from the custom that has prevailed since its formation, as I am so far removed geographically

from what we have been taught to look upon as the fountain head; yet I can assure the members of the Grand Lodge, that though far removed we take as deep an interest in the keeping and maintaining the ancient usages, customs and landmarks of the Craft sacred and inviolable, and the faith and integrity of this Grand Lodge pure and unsullied, as do the Brethren who are the more favored by being where greater facilities are offered them. Relying on the generous and fraternal support and consideration of the Grand Lodge and of the Brethren throughout the jurisdiction, I will faithfully endeavor to so administer the high office committed to my care that the Craft may not suffer for the want of true Masonic light and knowledge.

I shall be unable to pay that immediate personal attention to the subordinate Lodges in Philadelphia which they have been accustomed to receive, but will endeavor to so systematize the affairs of the Grand Lodge, with the assistance I will receive from the elective Grand Officers, that harmony, peace and prosperity may result throughout the jurisdiction.

I reiterate what has been so often affirmed by my predecessors, that the District Deputy Grand Masters, in their respective districts, are the representatives of the Grand Master, and are selected from their well-known fitness and ability to furnish true Masonic light and knowledge to the Craft, and are to be obeyed and respected accordingly.



All communications from subordinate Lodges, requiring the attention of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, must be made through their respective District Deputy Grand Masters, except in case of an appeal from their decision.

The District Deputy Grand Masters will be required to visit each Lodge in their District at least once during the year, unless prevented by some unforeseen occurrence, the nature of which will be reported to the Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address will be Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, where all communications will be addressed to him, and from where questions requiring immediate action will be forwarded him.

The Grand Master will be ready at all times to answer questions and lay down the law in actual cases coming regularly before him for decision (but not hypothetical cases), and will be always glad to advise with officers of subordinate Lodges in any matter pertaining to the welfare of the Craft in the jurisdiction, when such cases have been brought to his attention in the manner hereinbefore indicated.

I would most earnestly call the attention of our Brethren of subordinate Lodges to the frequency of the appeals for charity issued by subordinate Lodges to sister Lodges for aid in particular cases. We are a charitable institution, in the sense that our hearts and purse are and should always be open to alleviate the necessities of a worthy distressed Brother with-

out stint, in so far as our abilities will permit, but unless great care is exercised and such appeals not made too lightly, the frequency of them will have the tendency to cause appeals that are urgent and necessary to receive but little attention.

The practice of electioneering for office in Masonic bodies has been so thoroughly discussed by my predecessors that I deem it unnecessary to dwell upon it any further than to say their views are fully in accord with my own, and I rely on the Brethren to discountenance a practice which has a tendency to promote discord rather than harmony among the Craft.

Some discussion having arisen at the late Quarterly Communication in reference to admitting members of the Grand Lodge without their appropriate jewel, I would call the attention of members of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the resolution of this Grand Lodge, on page 221 of Ahiman Rezon, which resolution is mandatory and will be enforced by me so long as it is the law of this Grand Lodge and I am its Grand Master.

The report of the Finance Committee deserves the most serious consideration at the hands of every member of this Grand Lodge.

Returning confidence, resumption of industries, and the abundant harvests which have been vouchsafed to our land by the Supreme Architect of the Universe, have enabled us to fund our debt at a lower



rate of interest, and thereby save annually a large sum to the Grand Lodge. Yet, with a debt exceeding a million and a quarter of dollars in amount, for the payment of which the faith, honor and integrity of the Grand Lodge is pledged, admonishes us that we must exercise the greatest prudence and economy in our expenditures, and that every Lodge in the jurisdiction should bear their equal share of the burden, so as to maintain the sanctity of the loans of this Grand Lodge which are now held in such high estimation in the financial markets of this great city.

The Grand Lodge Charity Fund, under the able management of the Trustees, has assumed a proportion which reflects great credit on the Grand Lodge, being now nearly \$70,000.00 in amount, and is a proud monument of the beneficence and charity of Freemasons.

The Stephen Girard Charity Fund nearly reaches the Grand Lodge Charity Fund in amount, being now \$61,000.00, and shows the confidence our late Brother had in Freemasonry was well deserved.

During the coming year I shall endeavor, in connection with the Grand Officers, to arrange for a series of Grand Visitations to prominent points in the jurisdiction to inspect the work of the Craft and render us familiar with its condition, of which visitation the subordinate Lodges will have due and timely notice.

And, now, Brethren, having briefly given you my

views of the affairs of the Grand Lodge, and some of my purposes in its management, and entering on the discharge of my official duties at a time when the great period of depression, which has been spread over our land, seems to have passed, I can only caution you to exercise the same jealous care and prudence in your prosperity that has existed heretofore while in adversity; that peace, happiness, prosperity and cordial and fraternal relations may exist among us, and invoking the Divine assistance of the Great Grand Master of the Universe to guide and direct us aright, I enter upon the discharge of my official duties.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL B. DICK, was pleased to announce the following appointments :

*Grand Chaplains :*

REV. BRO. WM. SUDDARDS, D.D., of Philadelphia.

“ “ RICHARD H. ALLEN, D.D., of Philadelphia.

“ “ J. J. McILYAR, D.D., of Pittsburgh.

“ “ J. ANDREWS HARRIS, D.D., of Chestnut Hill,  
Philadelphia.

“ “ WILLIAM B. WOOD, D.D., of Philadelphia.

“ “ JNO. S. J. McCONNELL, of Philadelphia.

“ “ WILLIAM H. PLATT, of Lewistown.

“ “ JAS. W. ROBINS, D.D., of Philadelphia.

“ “ FRANK E. MILLER, of Easton.

“ “ HENRY S. GETZ, of Warren.

“ “ EDGAR M. LEVY, D.D., of Philadelphia.



REV. BRO. NATHAN C. SCHAEFFER, of Kutztown.

“ “ SAMUEL HIRSCH, of Philadelphia.

“ “ THOMAS K. CONRAD, of Philadelphia.

*Senior Grand Deacon :*

BRO. GEORGE S. GRAHAM, Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia.

*Junior Grand Deacon :*

BRO. OSCAR R. MEYERS, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.

*Grand Stewards :*

BRO. S. W. BROADBENT, Lodge No. 400, Jenkintown.

“ SPENCER C. GILBERT, Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg.

*Grand Marshal :*

BRO. GEORGE W. WOOD, Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia.

*Grand Sword Bearer :*

BRO. LOUIS M. CHASTEAU, Lodge No. 419, Philadelphia.

*Grand Pursuivant :*

BRO. HENRY H. HAYNES, Lodge No. 91, Philadelphia.

*Grand Tyler :*

BRO. HARRISON G. CLARK, Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia.

*Committee on Finance :*

BRO. JOHN C. YEAGER, Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia.

“ JAMES HERDMAN, Lodge No. 287, Pittsburgh.

“ E. HARPER JEFFRIES, Lodge No. 186, Philadelphia.

“ AUGUSTUS R. HALL, Lodge No. 72, Philadelphia.

“ ED. P. KINGSBURY, Lodge No. 291, Scranton.

*Committee on Appeals :*

BRO. RICHARD VAUX, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

“ MICHAEL NISBET, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

- BRO. MICHAEL ARNOLD, Lodge No. 126, Philadelphia.
- “ WM. B. HACKENBURG, Lodge No. 246, Philadelphia.
- “ HARRISON T. BEARDSLEY, Lodge No. 199, Lock Haven.

*Committee on Correspondence :*

- BRO. RICHARD VAUX, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.
- “ CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, Lodge No. 67, Philad'a.
- “ CHARLES D. FREEMAN, Lodge No. 130, Philad'a.
- “ PEARSON CHURCH, Lodge No. 408, Meadville.
- “ WM. DONALDSON, Lodge No. 224, Danville.

*Committee on By-Laws :*

- BRO. CHAS. H. KINGSTON, Lodge No. 114, Philadelphia.
- “ J. L. LEMBERGER, Lodge No. 226, Lebanon.
- “ FRED. W. LAUER, Lodge No. 62, Reading.
- “ FRANCIS J. BASSETT, Lodge No. 362, Erie.
- “ JACOB P. GRIFFITH, Lodge No. 284, Catasauqua.

*Committee on Landmarks :*

- BRO. JOHN THOMSON, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.
- “ ROBERT A. LAMBERTON, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.
- “ ALFRED R. POTTER, R. Worshipful Past Grand Master.

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- BRO. WILLIAM A. SINN, Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia.
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- “ WILLIAM KINSEY, Lodge No. 25, Bristol.
- “ TIMOTHY MCCARTHY, Lodge No. 386, Philad'a.



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- BRO. WILLIAM J. KELLY, Lodge No. 59, Philadelphia.  
 “ HIBBERT P. JOHN, Lodge No. 369, Philadelphia.  
 “ SAMUEL W. WRAY, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.  
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 “ EDWARD T. STEEL, Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia.  
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 “ THOMAS R. PATTON, Lodge No. 121, Philadelphia.  
 “ HENRY M. DECHERT, Lodge No. 274, Philadelphia.

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 “ M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ, Lodge No. 125, Philad'a.  
 “ EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, Lodge No. 19,<sup>e</sup> Philad'a.  
 “ WM. C. HAMILTON, Lodge No. 230, Philadelphia.  
 “ JAMES S. BARBER, Lodge No. 402, Philadelphia.  
 “ T. ESMONDE HARPER, Lodge No. 126, Philad'a.  
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“	LOUIS WAGNER,	. . . . .	“	52
“	NEAL CAMPBELL,	. . . . .	“	59
“	AUSTIN J. MONTGOMERY,	. . .	“	67

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"	JOHN HIBBITT, . . . . .	"	114
"	JOSEPH K. PARKER, . . . .	"	115
"	ROBERT SCOTT, . . . . .	"	121
"	FREDERICK PHILLIPP, . . .	"	125
"	JAMES LANING, . . . . .	"	126
"	ROBERT ARTHUR, . . . . .	"	130
"	ROBERT J. CAMPBELL, . . .	"	131
"	JAMES A. KIRKPATRICK, . .	"	134
"	DAVID KLEIN, . . . . .	"	135
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"	ANDREW T. GAYLEY, . . . .	"	246
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"	JOHN R. TOBIN, . . . . .	"	432
"	WILLIAM STEFFE, . . . . .	"	436
"	ROBERT MACKEY, . . . . .	"	441
"	WILLIAM H. BELLOWS, . . . . .	"	444
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"	ARTHUR H. WOODWARD,	"	493
"	WILLIAM S. FERRELL, . .	"	500
"	EDWARD E. WILLIAMS, .	"	506
"	CHARLES HOFFMAN, . . .	"	519
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"	ARTHUR A MUTH, . . . .	"	528
"	ISAIAH T. BOSSERT, . . .	"	529

*District Deputy Grand Masters.*

- 1.—Brother B. FRANK BRENEMAN, of Lancaster, for the Counties of Lancaster and York.
- 2.—Brother ROBERT L. MUENCH, of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin, Northumberland and Montour.

- 3.—Brother JOHN G. BOBB, of Carlisle, for the Counties of Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton and Adams.
- 4.—Brother EDWARD H. SHEARER, of Reading, for the Counties of Berks and Lebanon.
- 5.—Brother CHRISTOPHER LITTLE, of Pottsville, for the Counties of Schuylkill and Columbia.
- 6.—Brother ASA B. STEVENS, of Hyde Park, for the County of Lackawanna and Lodges Nos. 341 and 438, in Wyoming County.
- 7.—Brother ROBERT H. LERCH, of Easton, for the Counties of Northampton and Monroe, and Lodge No. 512, at Quakertown, Bucks County.
- 8.—Brother HENRY W. WILLIAMS, of Wellsboro', for the County of Tioga.
- 9.—Brother WILLIAM CHAMBERLIN, of Towanda, for the Counties of Bradford and Sullivan, and Lodges Nos. 248 and 263, in Wyoming County.
- 10.—Brother FREDERICK H. KELLER, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Lycoming, Union, Snyder and Clinton.
- 11.—Brother JOHN P. CLARK, of Newport, for the Counties of Perry, Mifflin and Juniata.
- 12.—Brother ALEXANDER M. LLOYD, of Hollidaysburg, for the Counties of Cambria, Huntingdon, Blair and Bedford.



- 13.—Brother JOHN M. CLAPP, of Tidioute, for the Counties of Elk and Warren.
- 14.—Brother ELIAS W. HALE, of Bellefonte, for the Counties of Centre and Clearfield.
- 15.—Brother MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, of Sharon, for the Counties of Lawrence, Mercer and Beaver.
- 16.—Brother CLARK F. WARDEN, of Greensburg, for the Counties of Westmoreland and Indiana.
- 17.—Brother GETER C. SHIDLE, of Pittsburgh, for the County of Allegheny.
- 18.—Brother WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Clarion, Armstrong and Jefferson.
- 19.—Brother FREDERICK WHITTLESEY, of Washington, for the Counties of Washington and Greene, except Lodge No. 461, at Greenfield, Washington County, and Lodge No. 329, at Greensboro', Greene County.
- 20.—Brother CHARLES W. MACKEY, of Franklin, for the Counties of Venango, Forest and Butler.
- 21.—Brother WARREN NEEDHAM, of Meadville, for the County of Crawford.
- 22.—Brother GEORGE A. JENKS, of Newtown, for the County of Bucks (except Lodge No. 512, at Quakertown), and for Lodges Nos. 308, 400 and 410, in Montgomery County.
- 23.—Brother ROBERT L. McCLELLAN, of Cochranville, for the Counties of Delaware and Chester, except Lodges Nos. 75, 446 and 553.

- 24.—Brother THOMAS S. McNAIR, of Hazleton, for the Counties of Carbon and Lehigh, and Lodge No. 327, at Hazleton.
- 25.—WILLIAM CHATLAND, of Brownsville, for the Counties of Fayette and Somerset, and Lodge No. 461, at Greenfield, Washington County, and Lodge No. 329, at Greensboro', Greene County.
- 26.—Brother JOHN J. WADSWORTH, of Erie, for the County of Erie.
- 27.—Brother ELBERT P. JONES, of Ariel, for the Counties of Wayne and Pike.
- 28.—Brother JACOB F. QUILLMAN, of Norristown, for the County of Montgomery (except Lodges Nos. 308, 400 and 410), and for Lodges Nos. 75, 446 and 553 in Chester County.
- 29.—Brother SAMUEL L. FRENCH, of Plymouth, for the County of Luzerne, except Lodge No. 327, at Hazleton.
- 30.—Brother CHARLES L. WHEELER, of Bradford, for the Counties of McKean, Cameron and Potter.
- 31.—Brother JOHN H. DUSENBURY, of Great Bend, for the County of Susquehanna.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother RICHARD VAUX offered the following, which was unanimously adopted :

Right Worshipful Brother MICHAEL NISBET having this day retired from the station of Grand Master, to which he



has been twice elected by the members of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, it is not only proper and just, but in accordance with the usage of the Craft to give expression to the sentiments of the Grand Lodge, which it entertains not only of personal regard and fraternal respect for our Right Worshipful Brother, but also as to the administration of his high trust ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in expressing its esteem and respect for Right Worshipful Past Grand Master NISBET, takes this opportunity to offer him their congratulations on the faithful and able discharge of his great and responsible duties as Grand Master during the period he occupied the Oriental Chair.

*Resolved*, That these proceedings fitly engrossed and signed by the Right Worshipful the Grand Officers, with the seal of the Grand Lodge be transmitted by them to Right Worshipful Past Grand Master NISBET.

Done in Grand Lodge, St. John's Day, 1880.

The Committee on Testimonial reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and had procured a Jewel ; when Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother SAMUEL C. PERKINS presented the Jewel to Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JOHN THOMSON, who in some interesting remarks received the same, thanking the Grand Lodge for the courtesy.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother RICHARD VAUX then addressed Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother MICHAEL NISBET, and on behalf of several of the Brethren of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, presented him with a Past Grand Master's Jewel. Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother MICHAEL NISBET in fitting and appropriate remarks received the Jewel and tendered his thanks for this very elegant and unexpected gift.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary was pleased to appoint Brother CHARLES H. KINGSTON as Deputy Grand Secretary, which was confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 1 o'clock 15 minutes, P. M.

MICHAEL NISBET,

*Grand Secretary.*



## A TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Lodges included in each District, with the name and residence of each District Deputy Grand Master. The Lodges in the County of Philadelphia are under the direct supervision of the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

DISTRICT.	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	LODGE.		LOCATION OF LODGE.	
			NAME.	NO.	CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.
			.....	2	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia.
			.....	3	"	"
			.....	9	"	"
			Montgomery.....	19	"	"
			.....	51	"	"
			Harmony.....	52	"	"
			Washington.....	59	"	"
			Concordia.....	67	"	"
			La Fayette.....	71	"	"
			Philadelphia.....	72	"	"
			Hiram.....	81	Chestnut Hill.....	"
			Columbia.....	91	Philadelphia.....	"
			Solomon's.....	114	"	"
			St. John's.....	115	"	"
			Union.....	121	"	"
			Hermann.....	125	"	"
			Rising Star.....	126	"	"
			Phoenix.....	130	"	"
			Industry.....	131	"	"

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			NAME.	NO.	CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.
			Franklin.....	134	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia.
			Roxborough.....	135	Manayunk.....	"
			Mount Moriah.....	155	Philadelphia.....	"
			Meridian Sun.....	158	"	"
			Eastern Star.....	186	"	"
			Integrity.....	187	"	"
			Kensington.....	211	"	"
			Richmond.....	230	"	"
			Shekinah.....	246	"	"
			Keystone.....	271	"	"
			Hamilton.....	274	West Philadelphia..	"
			Orient.....	289	Philadelphia.....	"
			Frankford.....	292	Frankford.....	"
			Melita ..	295	Philadelphia.....	"
			Mitchell.....	296	Germantown.....	"
			Humboldt.....	359	Philadelphia.....	"
			Corinthian.....	368	"	"
			Williamson.....	369	"	"
			Pennsylvania.....	380	"	"
			Richard Vaux.....	384	Nicetown.....	"
			Oriental.....	385	West Philadelphia..	"
			Apollo.....	386	Philadelphia.....	"
			Vaux.....	393	"	"
			Perkins.....	402	"	"
			Wm. B. Schnider...	419	"	"
			.....	432	"	"
			Mozart.....	436	"	"



	Potter .....	441	Philadelphia .....	Philadelphia.
	Philo.....	444	"	"
	Ivanhoe.....	449	"	"
	Stephen Girard.....	450	"	"
	Welcome.....	453	"	"
	Covenant.....	456	"	"
	Palestine.....	470	Falls of Schuylkill..	"
	St. Paul.....	481	Philadelphia .....	"
	Athelstan.....	482	"	"
	Robt. A. Lambertson.	487	"	"
	Excelsior.....	491	"	"
	Crescent.....	493	"	"
	Wm. C. Hamilton...	500	"	"
	Jerusalem.....	506	Frankford .....	"
	Gothic.....	519	Philadelphia .....	"
	Philates.....	527	"	"
	Mount Horeb.....	528	"	"
	St. Alban.....	529	"	"
1	B. Frank Breneman.....		Lancaster.....	Lancaster.
		43	Drumore Centre....	"
	Washington.....	156	Columbia .....	"
	Columbia.....	286	Marietta.....	"
	Ashara.....	398	Christiana .....	"
	Christiana.....	417	Lancaster.....	"
	Lamberton.....	476	Safe Harbor.....	"
	Chas. M. Howell...	496	Mount Joy.....	"
	Casiphia.....	551	York.....	York.
	York.....	266	Shrewsbury.....	"
	Shrewsbury.....	423	York.....	"
	Zeredatha .....	451	Wrightsville.....	"
	Riverside.....	503	Harrisburg.....	Dauphin.
	Perseverance .....	21	Millersburg.....	"
2	Robert L. Muench.....	364	Harrisburg.....	"
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			NAME.	NO.	CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.
3	John G. Bobb.....	Carlisle, Cumberland Co.....	Prince Edwin.....	486	Middletown.....	Dauphin.
			Danville.....	224	Danville.....	Montour.
			Mahoning.....	516	"	"
			.....	22	Sunbury.....	Northumberland.
			Shamokin.....	255	Shamokin.....	"
			Milton.....	256	Milton.....	"
			Mount Carmel.....	378	Mount Carmel.....	"
			Watson town.....	401	Watson town.....	"
			Eureka.....	404	Northumberland...	"
			Elysburg.....	414	Elysburg.....	"
			Cumberland Star...	197	Carlisle.....	Cumberland.
			St. John's.....	260	"	"
			Eureka.....	302	Mechanicsburg....	"
			Cumberland Valley.	315	Shippensburg....	"
			Big Spring.....	361	Newville.....	"
			George Washington.	143	Chambersburg....	Franklin.
			Orrstown.....	262	Orrstown.....	"
			Mount Pisgah.....	443	Green Castle.....	"
			Good Samaritan....	336	Gettysburg.....	Adams.
			Hebron.....	465	York Springs.....	"
			.....	62	Reading.....	Berks.
			Chandler.....	227	"	"
			Williamson.....	307	Womelsdorf.....	"
			Teutonia.....	367	Reading.....	"
			Huguenot.....	377	Kutztown.....	"
			Vaux.....	406	Hamburg.....	"
			St. John's.....	435	Reading.....	"
4	Edward H. Shearer.....	Reading, Berks Co.....	.....	.....	.....	.....



5	Christopher Little.....	Pottsville, Schuylkill Co.....	Union.....	479	Morgantown.....	Berks.
			Reading.....	549	Reading.....	"
			Mount Lebanon....	226	Lebanon.....	Lebanon.
			Schuylkill.....	138	Orwigsburg.....	Schuylkill.
			Pulaski.....	216	Pottsville.....	"
			.....	222	Minersville.....	"
			Tamaqua.....	238	Tamaqua.....	"
			Swatara.....	267	Tremont.....	"
			Page.....	270	Schuylkill Haven..	"
			Anthracite.....	285	St. Clair.....	"
			Ashland.....	294	Ashland.....	"
			Mahanoy City....	357	Mahanoy City.....	"
			Pine Grove.....	409	Pine Grove.....	"
			Cressona.....	426	Cressona.....	"
			Shenandoah.....	511	Shenandoah.....	"
			Washington.....	265	Bloomsburg.....	Columbia.
			Catawissa.....	349	Catawissa.....	"
			Oriental.....	460	Orangeville.....	"
			Knapp.....	462	Berwick.....	"
			Carbondale.....	249	Carbondale.....	Lackawanna.
6	Asa B. Stevens.....	Hyde Park, Lackawanna Co.....	Hiram.....	261	Providence.....	"
			Union.....	291	Scranton.....	"
			Waverly.....	301	Waverly.....	"
			Peter Williamson..	323	Scranton.....	"
			Hyde Park.....	339	Hyde Park.....	"
			Schiller.....	345	Scranton.....	"
			Kingsbury.....	466	Olyphant.....	"
			Moscow.....	504	Moscow.....	"
			Aurora.....	523	Jermyn.....	"
			Factoryville.....	341	Factoryville.....	Wyoming.
			Nicholson.....	438	Nicholson.....	"
			Easton.....	152	Easton.....	Northampton.
			Bethlehem.....	283	Bethlehem.....	"
7	Robert H. Lerch.....	Easton, Northampton Co.....				

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			NAME.	NO.	CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.
8	Henry W. Williams.....	Wellsboro', Tioga Co.....	Mount Bethel.....	311	Mount Bethel.....	Northampton.
			Dallas .....	396	Easton.....	"
			Manoquesy .....	413	Bath.....	"
			Barger.....	325	Stroudsburg.....	Monroe.
			Quakertown.....	512	Quakertown.....	Bucks.
			Friendship .....	247	Mansfield.....	Tioga.
			Ossea.....	317	Wellsboro'.....	"
			Bloss.....	350	Blossburg.....	"
			Cowanesque .....	351	Knoxville .....	"
			Tioga .....	373	Tioga.....	"
			Osceola.....	421	Osceola.....	"
			Westfield.....	477	Westfield.....	"
			Rural Amity.....	70	Athens.....	Bradford.
			Union.....	108	Towanda.....	"
			Evergreen.....	163	Monroeton.....	"
			Trojan.....	306	Troy.....	"
9	William Chamberlin .....	Towanda, Bradford Co.....	Canton.....	415	Canton.....	"
			Roman .....	418	Rome.....	"
			Smithfield.....	428	East Smithfield.....	"
			LeRays.....	471	LeRaysville.....	"
			Dushore.....	387	Dushore.....	Sullivan.
			Temple.....	248	Tunkhannock.....	Wyoming.
			Franklin .....	263	Laceyville.....	"
			.....	106	Williamsport.....	Lycoming.
			La Belle Valle.....	232	Jersey Shore.....	"
			Muncy.....	299	Muncy Borough.....	"
			Eureka.....	335	Montoursville.....	"
			.....		.....	
			.....		.....	
			.....		.....	
			.....		.....	
			.....		.....	
10	Frederick H. Keller .....	Williamsport, Lycoming Co.....	.....		.....	
			.....		.....	



11	John P. Clark.....	Newport, Perry Co.....	Ivy.....	397	Williamsport.....	Lycoming.
			Charity.....	144	Lewisburg.....	Union.
			Mifflinburg.....	370	Mifflinburg.....	"
			La Fayette.....	194	Selin's Grove.....	Snyder.
			La Fayette.....	199	Lock Haven.....	Clinton.
			Renovo.....	495	Renovo.....	"
			Adams.....	319	New Bloomfield.....	Perry.
			Newport.....	381	Newport.....	"
			Perry.....	458	Marysville.....	"
			Lewistown.....	203	Lewistown.....	Mifflin.
			McVeytown.....	376	McVeytown.....	"
12	Alexander M. Lloyd.....	Hollidaysburg, Blair Co.....	Milroy.....	492	Milroy.....	"
			Union.....	324	Mifflintown.....	Juniata.
			Lamberton.....	371	Thompsontown.....	"
			Cambria.....	278	Johnstown.....	Cambria.
			Summit.....	312	Ebensburg.....	"
			Johnstown.....	538	Johnstown.....	"
			Mount Moriah.....	300	Huntingdon.....	Huntingdon.
			Portage.....	220	Hollidaysburg.....	Blair.
			Mountain.....	281	Altoona.....	"
			Juniata.....	282	Hollidaysburg.....	"
			Logan.....	490	Altoona.....	"
13	John M. Clapp.....	Tidioute, Warren Co.....	Tyrone.....	494	Tyrone.....	"
			Bedford.....	320	Bedford.....	Bedford.
			Everett.....	524	Everett Borough.....	"
			Woodbury.....	539	Woodbury.....	"
			Elk.....	379	Ridgway.....	Elk.
			North Star.....	241	Warren.....	Warren.
			Columbus.....	264	Columbus.....	"
			Temple.....	412	Tidioute.....	"
			Stillwater.....	547	Sugar Grove.....	"
			Bellefonte.....	268	Bellefonte.....	Centre.
			Moshannon.....	391	Phillipsburg.....	"
14	Elias W. Hale.....	Bellefonte, Centre, Co.....				

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			NAME.	NO.	CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.
15	Matthias H. Henderson....	Sharon, Mercer Co.....	Old Fort.....	537	Centre Hall.....	Centre.
			Clearfield.....	314	Clearfield.....	Clearfield.
			Osceola.....	515	Osceola Borough...	"
			Mahoning.....	243	New Castle.....	Lawrence.
			Lodge of the Craft..	433	"	"
			Sharon.....	250	Sharon.....	Mercer.
			Eureka.....	290	Greenville... ..	"
			Kedron.....	389	West Middlesex...	"
			Adelphic.....	424	Jamestown.....	"
			Lake.....	434	Sandy Lake.....	"
			Sharpsville .....	517	Sharpsville .....	"
			Rochester.....	229	Rochester.....	Beaver.
			Union.....	259	New Brighton.....	"
			Meridian.....	411	Darlington... ..	"
			St. James.....	457	Beaver.....	"
16	Clark F. Warden.....	Greensburg, Westmoreland Co....	Beaver Valley.....	478	Beaver Falls.....	"
			Glasgow.....	485	Smith's Ferry.....	"
			Philanthropy .....	225	Greensburg.....	Westmoreland.
			Loyalhanna.....	275	Latrobe .....	"
			Fort Ligonier.....	331	Ligonier.....	"
			Westmoreland .....	518	Greensburg.....	"
			Indiana.....	313	Indiana .....	Indiana.
			Acacia.....	355	Blairsville .....	"
			Williamson.....	431	Saltsburg.....	"
			.....	45	Pittsburgh .....	Allegheny.
17	Geter C. Shidle.....	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.....	St. John's.....	219	"	"
			Franklin .....	221	"	"



18 Wm. B. Meredith.....	Kittanning, Armstrong Co.....	Allegheny.....	223	Allegheny City.....	Allegheny.
		Solomon's.....	231	Pittsburgh.....	"
		Washington.....	253	"	"
		Monongahela.....	269	"	"
		Milnor.....	287	Allegheny City.....	"
		Jefferson.....	288	"	"
		McKinley.....	318	East Liberty.....	"
		Hailman.....	321	Allegheny City.....	"
		Davage.....	374	McKeesport.....	"
		Aliquippa.....	375	Pittsburgh.....	"
		McCandless.....	390	Allegheny City.....	"
		Stuckrath.....	430	Sharpsburg.....	"
		Zaradatha.....	448	Pittsburgh.....	"
		Pittsburgh.....	484	Allegheny City.....	"
		.....	489	Tarentum.....	"
		Pollock.....	502	Pittsburgh.....	"
		Dallas.....	508	"	"
		Germania.....	509	Braddock's Field..	"
		Braddock's Field....	510	Temperanceville...	"
		Guyasuta.....	513	Allegheny City.....	"
		Ionic.....	525	Elizabeth.....	"
		Stephen Bayard.....	526	Bellevue.....	"
		Bellevue.....	530	Oakland.....	"
		Oakland.....	535	Mansfield.....	"
		Centennial.....	544	East Liberty.....	"
		Duquesne.....	546	Verona.....	"
		.....	548	Clarion.....	Clarion.
		Clarion.....	277	St. Petersburg.....	"
		Canby.....	520	New Bethlehem...	"
		New Bethlehem....	522	Edenburgh.....	"
		.....	550	Freeport.....	Armstrong.
		Armstrong.....	239	Kittanning.....	"
		Kittanning.....	244		

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			NAME.	NO.	CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.
19	Frederick Whittlesey.....	Washington, Washington Co.....	Apollo.....	437	Apollo.....	Armstrong.
			Parker City.....	521	Parker City.....	"
			Hobah.....	276	Brookville.....	Jefferson.
			John W. Jenks.....	534	Punxsutawney.....	"
			John M. Read.....	536	Reynoldsville.....	"
			Washington.....	164	Washington.....	Washington.
			Chandler.....	237	Beallsville.....	"
			Chartiers.....	297	Canonsburg.....	"
			Henry M. Phillips..	337	Monongahela City..	"
			Claysville.....	447	Claysville.....	"
			Richard Vaux.....	454	Burgettstown.....	"
			Independence.....	488	Independence.....	"
			Waynesburg.....	153	Waynesburg.....	Greene.
			Clarksville.....	403	Clarksville.....	"
			Eureka.....	514	Steph. White's Mills	"
			Myrtle.....	316	Franklin.....	Venango.
			Petrolia.....	363	Oil City.....	"
			Fraternal.....	483	Rouseville.....	"
			Pleasantville.....	501	Pleasantville.....	"
20	Charles W. Mackey.....	Franklin, Venango Co.....	Allegheny Valley...	552	Emlenton.....	"
			Butler.....	272	Butler.....	Butler.
			Harmony.....	429	Harmony.....	"
			Argyle.....	540	Petrolia.....	"
			Crawford.....	234	Meadville.....	Crawford.
			Western Crawford..	258	Conneautville.....	"
			Oil Creek.....	303	Titusville.....	"
			Spartan.....	372	Spartansburg.....	"
21	Warren Needham.....	Meadville, Crawford Co.....				



22	George A. Jenks.....	Newtown, Bucks Co.....	..... Shepherd..... Covenant..... Pine..... Bristol..... Doylestown..... Newtown..... Fort Washington... Friendship..... W. K. Bray..... Chester..... Geo. W. Bartram... L. H. Scott..... Fernwood..... Williamson..... West Chester..... Thomson..... Skerrett..... Oxford..... Goddard..... Howell..... Kennett..... New London..... Carbon..... Porter..... Lehigh..... Barger..... Slatington..... Saucon..... Hazle..... Brownsville..... Fayette..... Gummet.....	408 463 473 498 25 245 427 308 400 410 236 298 352 543 309 322 340 343 353 383 405 475 545 242 284 326 333 440 469 327 60 228 252	Meadville..... Titusville..... Cambridge Boro'... Linesville..... Bristol..... Doylestown..... Newtown..... Fort Washington... Jenkintown..... Hatboro'..... Chester..... Media..... Chester..... Fernwood..... Downingtown..... West Chester..... Green Tree..... Cochransville..... Oxford..... Coatesville..... Brookville..... Kennett Square.... New London..... Mauch Chunk..... Catasauqua..... Trexlerstown..... Allentown..... Slatington..... Coopersburg..... Hazleton..... Brownsville..... Uniontown..... Fayette City.....	Crawford. " " " Bucks. " " Montgomery. " " Delaware. " " " Chester. " " " Chester. " " " Carbon. Lehigh. " " " " Luzerne. Fayette. " "
23	Robt. L. McClellan.....	Cochransville, Chester Co.....				
24	Thomas S. McNair.....	Hazleton, Luzerne Co.....				
25	William Chatland.....	Brownsville, Fayette Co.....				

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26	John J. Wadsworth.....	Erie, Erie Co.....	King Solomon.....	346	Connelsville.....	Fayette.
			Valley .....	459	Masontown.....	"
			Somerset.....	358	Somerset.....	Somerset.
			Meyersdale .....	554	Meyersdale.....	"
			Monongahela Valley.	461	Greenfield .....	Washington.
			Craft.....	329	Greensboro'.....	Greene.
			Western Star.....	304	Albion.....	Erie.
			Lake Erie.....	347	Girard.....	"
			Tyrian.....	362	Erie.....	"
			Corry.....	365	Corry .....	"
			Eureka.....	366	Union City.....	"
			Perry.....	392	Erie.....	"
			North East.....	399	North East.....	"
			Oasis.....	416	Edinboro'.....	"
			Waterford.....	425	Waterford .....	"
			Keystone.....	455	Erie.....	"
			Wattsburg.....	533	Wattsburg.....	"
27	Elbert P. Jones.....	Ariel, Wayne Co.....	Honesdale.....	218	Honesdale.....	Wayne.
			Hawley.....	305	Hawley .....	"
			Salem.....	330	Hamlington.....	"
			Mount Hermon.....	472	Pleasant Mount.....	"
			Waymart.....	542	Waymart.....	"
28	Jacob F. Quillman.....	Norristown, Montgomery Co.....	Milford.....	344	Milford.....	Pike.
			Charity.....	190	Norristown.....	Montgomery.
			Stichter.....	254	Pottstown.....	"
			Cassia.....	273	Ardmore.....	"
			Warren.....	310	Trappe.....	"



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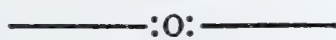




# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

### COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.



TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE :

THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND THE MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING, consisting of W. Bros. CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, CHARLES D. FREEMAN, HUBBARD B. PAYNE, GEORGE BAKER ; by its CHAIRMAN, R. W. P. G. M. RICHARD VAUX, presents its

#### ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1880.

On again entering upon the duties assigned to this Committee, it is eminently proper, and in full accord with the sentiments that it entertains, to salute in the bonds of true Masonic unity the several Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons with which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania holds fraternal and Masonic relations.

We tender to our esteemed and cherished Brethren, the Chairmen of Committees on Correspondence of these Grand Lodges, our sincere and fraternal respect. We are alike engaged in the performance of an important and responsible trust. On us, in some degree, rests the preservation of the harmony of the Grand Lodges of our beloved Fraternity.

On us is devolved the responsibility of maintaining the usages, customs and landmarks of Freemasonry from insidious and open assault.

To us is consigned the work of defending Masonic jurisprudence, the law of Freemasonry, its ritual, ceremonies, and traditions, from the effects of error, ignorance or inadvertence.

It may be said, we, dear Brethren, are as watchmen on the pinnacles of the Temple, entrusted with the Pen that "turneth every way" to protect the portals of Freemasonry against the intrusion of the false or the clandestine.

It is therefore meet, that in earnest faith and modest words we evince our full appreciation of the charge laid on us.

There cannot be, we think, any doubt in the minds of any of our esteemed Brethren, that the law, the jurisprudence of Freemasonry, is a peculiar and special system embodying the rules of action for the Craftsmen. The Landmarks of Freemasonry are the foundations on which their system rests. They are the great corner-stones on which has been erected through the ages, the Masonic structure. The supreme Masonic authority only now voices those Landmarks, as they have been imparted to the generations of men, in that solemn and sublime silence which in all ages clothed their esoteric articulation.

It is not therefore as with the sound of a trumpet that the principles of Masonic law are made known.

To be united in the bonds of Freemasonry is demanded or required of no man.

He who comes and knocks must be prepared to accept what he seeks in all its fullness, with a mind free from individual judgment, and a heart dedicated to faith and obedience.



The strifes, contentions, animosities and prejudices which too often animate the profane in their associations, and “rule or ruin” institutions thus necessarily ephemeral, are forbidden to enter our Temple.

The Freemason raises his eyes and voice to God as the Creator of Light and Love and Faith ; the Divine Governor of the heart and mind ; the Source of all holy inspiration to duty ; the Protector of those who invoke His mercy ; the Great Architect of the Heavens and the Earth, and the Eternal Master of the life of the immortality of the soul.

Dedicating themselves to the profession and practice of such a high vocation, Freemasons are indeed a chosen people.

The law then which operates on them as Craftsmen must in its very nature be a system established neither by “art nor man’s device.” It ought rather to be what it essentially is, the wisdom which time has gathered from the Past, and which tradition has transmitted to the Present, and which will go with its integrity unimpaired from the Now to the Hereafter.

Freemasonry is not a created organized institution. It is not the development of a plan of association. It is not the result of human ingenuity, conceiving a system for the benefit of individuals, and giving it practical existence under changing and unstable rules for its administration.

History has recorded on its every page accounts of such human organizations, their rise, progress and annihilation. Of these Freemasonry was not—is not.

Out of the atmosphere in which eternal truth lives ; out of the wisdom of the aforetime ; out of the light that reveals to the human mind what it can neither comprehend by its consciousness, nor acquire by its capacities ; out of the

past of humanity, taught by the voices which attested their Divine source by, "Thus saith the Lord"—from thence is Freemasonry.

As the hills grow into mountains,  
As the water flows from fountains,  
As rivers make the sea,  
So came Freemasonry.

The superficial boaster that he is "a Mason," knows only the things that are seen.

The true, earnest seeker after the truths that Masonic symbology teaches, feels the influence of the Divine on its elucidation of the mysteries.

To him Masonic law is not either a yoke or a burden. It is rather a light to his feet and a lamp to his path, enlightening and instructing. To him, obedience is the law of his Masonic life. He learns that the things that are seen are but the unwritten lessons of those that are not seen. Well may it be said, is it not, ought it not to be true, that of such as these are the workmen in the Temple of Freemasonry?

To protect and maintain, therefore, our sublime institution; to preserve unity and harmony within its borders; to defend the fraternal and harmonious relations of its Grand Lodges, wherever established, with each other; to help, aid, and assist in the perpetuity of the Landmarks and the indestructibility of these foundation-principles of the Craft, is in part entrusted to us, esteemed Brethren whom we now fraternally address.

It is a high calling. It has risen to the dignity of a work in which conscience actuates the judgment, and eternal obligations direct the reason.

We are grateful to know that unity, peace and happiness are dwelling within the jurisdictions of those Grand Lodges whose proceedings we have noticed in this report.



There are, indeed, no very grave questions of Masonic jurisprudence on which any of our sister Grand Lodges are not in accord.

It is naturally to be expected that questions will arise as to the exercise of Grand Lodge jurisdiction in special cases. In some of these the general principles which are now considered settled, will be involved.

The American doctrine as to Grand Lodge sovereignty is adopted almost unanimously by the Grand Lodges of the States of "The United States of America." It is with satisfaction we of Pennsylvania see the admission and confirmation of a principle Pennsylvania was the first to formulate into an axiom of American Masonic jurisprudence. That this principle will be universal in all Grand Lodges of the Craft "round the globe" we doubt not, since it is violative of no immemorial or universal law of the Fraternity, neither is it subversive of any established or accepted usages of the Craft.

There are, it appears, questions as to the right of Grand Lodges to exercise, within their jurisdictions, the inherent Masonic capacities over members of subordinate Lodges of other Grand Lodge jurisdictions. We refer to the cases in Connecticut and Kentucky.

In reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Lodges in which these questions now exist, we have expressed our views on the subjects in controversy. We have limited ourselves to the discussion of the abstract principles involved in these controversies, else with them we have no right to intermeddle.

It is a gratification to know that the obstacles to harmonious relations between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Scotland are being removed, and the Supreme Masonic Sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Quebec

established by the devotion to true Masonic harmony of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

May it not be said that, after all, even in the commonwealth of Masonic thought, error will fade away under the light of those kindly, affectionate rays of persuasive Masonic Truth. It is not, dear Brethren, only a small matter, after all, that separates you from each other. You, in the amplitude of your Masonic power, established in an open territory a Lodge under your Grand Lodge jurisdiction, for then and there no other Grand Lodge had existence or exclusive authority. Since then other Lodges having been established, now a Grand Lodge is formed, which claims exclusive authority over Lodges located within her Masonic boundaries. One, or it may be more, of the Lodges originally chartered and located in the geographical location, which is now a Masonic jurisdiction, refuses to acknowledge that Grand Lodge authority, and claims to owe allegiance to the Grand Lodge that erected it. Thus in a Masonic jurisdiction, one, or perchance more Grand Lodges of the Craft, claim to exercise Masonic jurisdiction, and either claim, or accept the Masonic allegiance of Lodges refusing to recognize the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge of the territory in which these subordinate Lodges are still located.

This ought not to be. It cannot be, if Grand Lodge sovereignty is the inherent faculty of Grand Lodge supremacy. There cannot exist a divided Masonic authority within itself. To hate the one and love the other, as of old, is the outcome of trying to serve two masters.

The action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland merits the highest Masonic gratification. It is the shout of harmony crying over the waves of the sea, peace to the Brethren in Quebec—yea, far more than this comes in the message of



harmony and unity—it invokes those Grand Lodges of the United States which yet hold out against a like fraternal “unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace,” to be of one heart and of one mind in Freemasonry.

We venture, therefore, in this spirit of harmony, may we be allowed to invoke this spirit only when we say to our Brethren of Missouri, to exercise the most fraternal influences to induce its subordinate Lodge which yet holds a charter from your Grand Lodge in the jurisdiction of New Mexico, to return it to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and submit itself to the allegiance of the Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction it lives and works and has its being.

We have been most reluctantly withheld from asking our Grand Lodge to recognize so-called Grand Lodges which are unable to show their supreme Masonic control over the territory they claim demarks their jurisdiction.

To avoid reference to any particular instance, let us suppose a case that fully describes the issue involved.

Within certain geographical limits there are many larger or smaller communities, and each is increasing in population. Within these limits there is no established Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. In each, however, there are Lodges lawfully warranted and duly constituted by Grand Lodges from which the inhabitants of these several communities have asked Masonic rights and privileges. So several Grand Lodges have, within these geographical limits, subordinate Lodges owing them allegiance. A majority of these Lodges unite and form a Grand Lodge for this territory; a minority of these Lodges refuse to take part in the establishment of this Grand Lodge, but prefer to hold their charter from the Grand Lodges which are foreign to their new Masonic jurisdiction. These Lodges are subordinate to dif-

ferent Grand Lodges, for they were originally chartered by more than one Grand Lodge.

Therefore it is a fact that several Grand Lodges of the Craft hold and exercise authority over Lodges within the limits of the newly established Grand Lodge, which, if it is a Grand Lodge *de facto* and *de jure* of Free and Accepted Masons, must be the Sovereign and Supreme Masonic authority, or else it is nothing. It is not Subordinate. It is not Supreme. What is it? A body of Freemasons without name, or authority, or jurisdiction, or power. It cannot make Masons, for it is not a Lodge. It cannot charter Lodges, for it is not sovereign.

It may be that one of the Grand Lodges whose subordinates have united to form the Grand Lodge, recognizes it, while the other Grand Lodges which have subordinates working in this new jurisdiction refuse to acknowledge the supreme authority of the new Grand Lodge, because that Grand Lodge will not recall the warrants it granted originally. Thus one Grand Lodge surrenders, another refuses to surrender, its jurisdiction over Lodges in territorial limits of this new Grand Lodge.

To ask Grand Lodges to recognize such a body of Masons, called a Grand Lodge, as a Masonic authority holding unchallenged jurisdiction over the Lodges and the Craft within the territory it claims as its boundaries, is asking the establishment of Masonic chaos in that country.

Harmony is Heaven's first law, it is said ; it is an essential attribute of Freemasonry. Unity, harmony, peace and order are elementary Masonic principles. In the case suggested, there exists neither of these essential attributes, and yet Grand Lodges of Freemasons are asked, and by some expected, to organize discord, recognize strife and contention,



affirm teachings and precedents the very opposite of true Masonic doctrines. To do evil that good may come never yet has been suggested as within the compass of Masonic ethics.

No! the more one reflects on this subject of Grand Lodge sovereignty, the more it will invite the cordial and universal approval of the Craft.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1880	MARYLAND, . . . . 1879-80
CALIFORNIA, . . . . 1879	MASSACHUSETTS, . . 1879
CANADA, . . . . 1880	MICHIGAN, . . . . 1879
COLON AND CUBA, . . 1880	MINNESOTA, . . . . 1880
COLORADO, . . . . 1879-80	MISSISSIPPI, . . . . 1880
CONNECTICUT, . . . . 1879	MISSOURI, . . . . 1880
DAKOTA, . . . . 1880	MONTANA, . . . . 1879
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1879	NEBRASKA, . . . . 1880
ENGLAND, . . . . 1879	NEVADA, . . . . 1879
FLORIDA, . . . . 1880	NEW BRUNSWICK, . . 1880
GEORGIA, . . . . 1880	NEW HAMPSHIRE, . . 1879
IDAHO, . . . . 1880	NEW JERSEY, . . . . 1880
ILLINOIS, . . . . 1880	NEW YORK, . . . . 1880
INDIANA, . . . . 1880	NORTH CAROLINA, . . 1879
INDIAN TERRITORY, . 1879	NOVA SCOTIA, . . 1878-79-80
IOWA, . . . . 1880	OHIO, . . . . 1879
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KENTUCKY, . . . . 1879-80	PRINCE EDWARD IS'D, 1879-80

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RHODE ISLAND, . . . 1879-80	VERMONT, . . . . . 1880
SCOTLAND, . . . . . 1879	WASHINGTON TER., 1880
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WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE R. W. GRAND SECRETARY,  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOLLOWING GRAND LODGES:

### ALABAMA.

PROCEEDINGS of Fifty-ninth Annual Communication, held at the city of Montgomery, December 1, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master presented his annual address, which refers exclusively to matters interesting to that Grand Lodge.

Brother OLIVER S. BEERS made a special report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. This report refers to the "existing necessity for due consideration, as well as proper legislation," governing the Grand Lodge polity as to its foreign relations. Brother BEERS remarks, in this report, "the term recognition, as used and applied Masonically in America, involves the idea of approval of the work and principles of the organization recognized, and while such approval may be safely expressed in the recognition of American Grand Lodges, we contend that our knowledge of the foreign organizations, \* \* \* however true and perfect may be their individual constituents, does not warrant us in extending to the latter full recognition, with its applied approval and endorsement."



Brother BEERS approves of official recognition of Grand Lodges of Anglican origin, but objects to recognition of Grand Bodies governed or associated with Grand Leagues, Grand Orients, or Supreme Councils. He refers to the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland, and seems to think that there is something to be said on both sides of that controversy; has a strong leaning towards the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and hopes they will settle their own difficulties; and recognizes the Grand Lodge of Dakota. All of which the Grand Lodge approved.

The general report on Foreign Correspondence, by Brother BEERS, seems to be governed by the same general sentiment which regulates the special report. In referring to Pennsylvania, he quotes from Deputy Grand Master NISBET's address, giving his reasons for acting as Grand Master owing to the sickness of Grand Master PORTER; and also to so much of Brother NISBET's address as refers to the dispensation of charity, and also to the electioneering of Brethren for Masonic office.

We have nothing to retract, or alter, or change, in our salutation to Brother BEERS, which he does us the honor to quote.

Most Worshipful Brother HENRY C. TOMPKINS was elected Grand Master, and Brother DANIEL SAYRE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## ARKANSAS.

PROCEEDINGS of Fortieth Annual Grand Communication, held at Little Rock, October 13, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE THORNBURG, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother LUKE E. BARBER, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address relates to the internal condition of the Fraternity in that jurisdiction, and states that "Masonry is in a healthy condition in Arkansas." The concluding sentences of his address are admirable and appropriate. We

notice, in the Grand Orator's address, that he makes this statement: "Our Institution has for its cardinal doctrines the common Fatherhood of God and the universal Brotherhood of Man." The Grand Orator gives this sentence as a quotation. We don't propose to criticise the assertion of a principle which lies hidden in this extract. If the principle is as bad as the English which covers it, the sooner it is excoriated out of Masonry, the better. Where this extract comes from we know not. This we do know, that the Fatherhood of God is an eternal and absolute principle, and the Brotherhood of Masons is like unto it. The injection of the word "common" detracts from the august and divine idea of our Father which is in Heaven (as we have it in the Lord's Prayer); and as for the universal brotherhood of man, there is no such thing.

The Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence heads his report, "A Review of the Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges." Well, Right Worshipful Brother DODGE, we have read your review with great pleasure. We like it. We like it much. It is one of those "brief and easy reviews that charms and instructs." We congratulate you, dear Brother—let us say, dear young Brother; and we use this adjective as a set-off to the kind way in which you speak of us as "venerable." What put it into your head that we were venerable? Brother MACCALLA, who is sitting aiding us as we write, says—"Don't mind him, it is only his *fun*. He don't know you, if he did he would never call *you* venerable." So we think, too. Well, our dear young Brother DODGE, we withdraw all we said in our last report about the want of fun in writing this our annual review, for to see you, unclothed, with nothing but your jewels, taking a "fun-bath," is so refreshing, animating, exciting, interesting, odd and novel, that we shall not feel the solemnity of this duty until it is concluded.

Brother GEORGE THORNBURG was re-elected Grand Master, and Brother LUKE E. BARBER, Grand Secretary.



## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninth Annual Grand Communication, held at Victoria, B. C., June 19, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother ELI HARRISON, Sr., Grand Master; Very Worshipful Brother E. C. BAKER, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master has nothing to notice, except that the Grand Master criticises the mode in which the Grand Lodge of Scotland acknowledges his Grand Lodge, and thinks it is not in the fraternal spirit in which other Grand Lodges extend their fraternal greeting; for, he says, "even the Mother Grand Lodge of England accorded to us a more kind and fraternal greeting," and points "to the old charters which she returned, adorning the walls of your Lodge Rooms." The Grand Master further says, that if Scotland attempts to charter Lodges in this jurisdiction, as she has done in Quebec, it is an assumed power which cannot be tolerated. He also refers to the settlement between the Grand Lodges of Colon and Cuba. The Grand Master says he recognizes the Grand Lodge of New South Wales; and this surprises us.

The report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge on the subject of Scotland, denies the right of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or any other Grand Lodge, to issue charters, or in any other way interfere with the province of British Columbia. We are more than gratified in reading this action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, as we see that the Pennsylvania doctrine of Masonic sovereignty is gradually receiving the universal acceptance of the Craft.

Most Worshipful Brother ELI HARRISON, was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother ELI C. BAKER, Grand Secretary.

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 CALIFORNIA.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirtieth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, San Francisco, October 14, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN MILLS BROWNE, Grand Mas-

ter, and Right Worshipful ALEX. G. ABELL, Grand Secretary.

We must confess we are struck with the opening sentences of the Grand Master's address, and his description of an ideal and a practical Masonry is very interesting. The whole address is an earnest and carefully prepared paper. The Grand Secretary's report is quite interesting. Brother WM. H. HILL, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, presented a report. He notices the Proceedings of Pennsylvania of 1878. Brother HILL's report is very full. He calls us "venerable," and says we are "in a straight-jacket," because we condense our report too much. We have great respect for Brother HILL's opinion, but fear that we could not, by enlarging, or giving free scope to our pen, or getting out of our straight-jacket, make so agreeable and interesting a report as always comes from his Masonic pen—only, don't call us "venerable."

Most Worshipful Brother WM. WILSON TRAYLOR, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother ALEX. G. ABELL, Grand Secretary.

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## CANADA.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Floating Bridge, June 22, 1880; Goderich, on June 24, 1880; Delta, on June 24, 1880; also the Twenty-fifth Annual Grand Communication, held at the City of Guelph, on July 14, 15, 1880. Right Worshipful Brother T. KEITH ROSS, D. D. Grand Master, acting Grand Master; Brother A. L. MORDEN, Grand Secretary.

The Special Communication at Floating Bridge was held to lay the corner-stone of a Methodist Episcopal Church. That at Delta, Most Worshipful Brother JAMES A. HENDERSON, Grand Master, on the throne, and Brother E. J. B. PENSE, as Grand Secretary, was to lay the corner-stone of a building



to be used as a Masonic Hall. The Grand Master's address at this Special Communication was short and pertinent. The Special Communication, held at Goderich, Most Worshipful Brother J. K. KERR, Past Grand Master, as Grand Master, and Brother J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary, was called for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of St. George's Episcopal Church. The Twenty-fifth Annual Grand Communication, Most Worshipful Brother JAMES A. HENDERSON, Grand Master, and Brother J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES A. HENDERSON, was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Canada appears to be in a healthful, hopeful condition.

There is no report from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

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## COLON AND CUBA.

WE have received a communication addressed to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, signed JUAN B. HERNANDEZ; ANTONIO GOVIN, Grand Master; AURELIO ALMEIDA, Grand Secretary; G. J. BARNET, Grand Secretary; with a seal representing the United Grand Lodge of Colon and Island of Cuba, under date February 28, 1880, in these words:

"The Grand Lodges of Cuba and Colon, presided over respectively by the undersigned, JUAN B. HERNANDEZ and ANTONIO GOVIN, yielding to the repeated solicitations on the part of their sisters abroad, and with the purpose of realizing in this country the Masonic unity by assembling all the Cuban Brethren under one Grand Lodge, strong and powerful, have resolved to consolidate, which was carried into effect on the 25th of January last, in the city of Havana, with the previous unanimous consent of the constituent Lodges of both.

"In so doing, both Grand Bodies have acted under the

predetermined consideration that any deficiencies that under any light might exist in the organization and establishment of their constituent Lodges, should become, thereby, mutually healed and regulated. And we beg to forward herewith the roll of Lodges now working under the United Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, of which please take due notice.

“By this consolidation, the contest heretofore existing among Cuban Masons has come to a satisfactory termination, in accordance with the true spirit of Masonry; and in communicating to your good selves this pleasant intelligence, we are happy to trust that all Grand Lodges will receive the same cheerfully, and continue to favor us with their fraternal disposition, whereas, those that had withheld recognition will now welcome our United Grand Body to the great family of regular Grand Lodges.”

As these proceedings show that the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, which Pennsylvania was among the first to recognize as a Sovereign Grand Lodge, has, by some form of proceeding unknown to us, merged the so-called Grand Lodge of Colon into its jurisdiction, and under its authority, and that, therefore, there is but one Masonic jurisdiction in the territory claimed by the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, which we have recognized, the fraternal relations established by our recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba remain unchanged. We assume it is no part of our duty to inquire how this union was induced or consummated. It is enough for us to know that union and harmony exist in that jurisdiction, and that but one Supreme Masonic Sovereign power exercises undisturbed authority therein. It is always gratifying to acknowledge the disappearance of Masonic disturbances in any jurisdiction, and we congratulate the Craft everywhere that one cause of Masonic difficulty has been removed in a sister Grand Lodge. We extend to the United Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba, our fraternal salutations.

We have received the names of the Lodges, fifty-seven in all, which now constitute this Grand Lodge.

As far as we are able to ascertain, there was to have been an election for Grand Officers of this United Grand Lodge



in March, 1880, but we have received, as yet, no official announcement of the election under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

Official bulletin of the United Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, August 8, 1880, gives, as yet, no official Proceedings from the United Grand Lodge. We cannot express any opinion, upon the so-called union of the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at its Annual Communication, adopted the following resolution :

WHEREAS, It appears that the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Island of Cuba, with which this Grand Lodge is now in fraternal relations, have united to its jurisdiction the so-called Grand Lodge of Colon, and accepted the allegiance of its subordinates, under the title of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Island of Cuba and Colon ; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hereby offers to that Grand Lodge its fraternal congratulations.

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## COLORADO.

PAMPHLET report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, for 1880. The why or the wherefore for this special pamphlet is possibly a mystery for the Craft of Colorado, because the report of the Nineteenth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, held at Denver, September 16-17, 1879, contains an elaborate and interesting report on Foreign Correspondence, by Brother COLLINS, the Chairman, which is creditable alike to our distinguished Brother, and to the subject of which he treats. We suppose that the report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence for 1880 must have been written by Brother CHARLES GRISWOLD, while the report for 1879 is written by Brother COLLINS. We miss Brother GREENLEAF. We are glad to extend the fraternal hand to Brother COLLINS.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, was held at Denver, September 16, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother ROGER W. WOODBURY, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother EDWARD C. PARMELEE, Grand Secretary.

We see now that Brother BYRON L. CARR, is Deputy Grand Master—so much for that. We are glad of his advancement from Grand Orator to Deputy Grand Master. We are now reviewing the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Colorado for 1879, and don't desire to make any mistake this time. We have said that Right Worshipful Brother BYRON L. CARR, is Deputy Grand Master. It so appears on page 15 of this pamphlet. It also appears on page 7, that the Grand Master delivered an address, and on the first page, that Most Worshipful Brother ROGER W. WOODBURY, was Grand Master. The Grand Master's address has reference to domestic questions only. There is a single remark in his address, in which he says he visited New York and saw the inside of the Masonic Temple, and that the Lodge and Chapter Rooms were in charge of female janitors, who ushered him in, and explained to him, a stranger, not introduced, the uses of several of the rooms and the paraphernalia therein. Strange, we think, very. But then, New York is not always an example in all things. These female janitors, or janitresses, we suppose our Most Worshipful Brother means, may belong to that Eastern Star concern. How is this, Right Worshipful Brother SIMONS? What does this mean? Are you initiating females? Or are the females initiating the Brethren? The latter is the more likely. The next most striking feature in this pamphlet for 1879—remember it is the Proceedings of 1879 we are reviewing—is the oration of Brother FRANK CHURCH, on page 19. There are some very fine sentences in this oration, some beautiful thoughts. We won't say it is too florid. It is from the pen of a cultured Brother, but we cannot agree to *all* contained in it. In speaking of Masonry, the Grand Orator says: "Universal as the universe, and as widespread as



humanity itself, its Temples are the symbols of the world we inhabit, and represent to us that a Mason's duty is equally extensive, embracing every conceivable relation of humanity." Well, that's very grand, very extensive, very universal; but does our esteemed Brother CHURCH mean to say that Freemasonry embraces every conceivable relation of humanity, including, we suppose, husband and wife, father and child, mother and daughter, the Eastern Star and female janitresses? No, we can't agree to all that. We can't accept "every conceivable relation of humanity," as within the purpose of Freemasonry. Well, we take this, along with the other excellent parts of his oration, with this criticism. Now, on page 31, of the pamphlet, under review, Most Worshipful Brother BYRON L. CARR, was elected Grand Master, and Brother EDWARD C. PARMELEE, Grand Secretary. We think now this does justice to our Brethren of Colorado, so far as the names of the officers are concerned. Worshipful Brother E. H. COLLINS is Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence; Brother BYRON L. CARR is Deputy Grand Master; and Worshipful Brother CHURCH, is Grand Orator. Brother CHARLES GRISWOLD has gone to the shades. This is the only amende we can make to the remarks of our excellent Brother, the Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence in 1877, as appears on page 71 of the appendix to this report.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twentieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado, held at Denver, the 21st of September, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother BYRON L. CARR, Grand Master, presiding; and Right Worshipful Brother EDWARD C. PARMELEE, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address, refers to "Masonic Tramps"—and gives some sensible views on this class of the Craftsmen. There is no other subject in the address which seems to need special mention.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is by Brother R. W. WOODBURY, for the Committee. The

report opens with these words: "In presenting this report, the Committee on Correspondence would preface it with the remark, that in its preparation the aim has been to present facts and not opinions, and to confine them to matters of interest to the Craft at large." Consequently the Committee did. It is, in the scope taken by its Right Worshipful Chairman, a very close adherence to its aim. Pennsylvania is noticed.

Most Worshipful Brother LAURENCE N. GREENLEAF, was elected Grand Master; and Right Worshipful Brother EDWARD C. PARMELEE, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## CONNECTICUT.

PROCEEDINGS of Emergent Communication, held at Putnam, October 23, 1879, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Grand Master, Brother ISRAEL M. BULLOCK. Brother JOHN H. BARLOW, Deputy Grand Master; Brother JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninety-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Hartford, January 21, 1880. Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BARLOW, Deputy Grand Master, presiding; Right Worshipful JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary.

The acting Grand Master's address refers to the death of the Grand Master, and says it is the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge that their Masonic Hall was draped in mourning for the death of a Grand Master. The greater portion of the address is with reference to matters of domestic interest. In reference to the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and the Grand Lodge of New York, the Grand Master thus speaks:

"On the 11th of the present month, I received a communication from Most Worshipful CHARLES ROOME, Grand Master of New York, calling my attention to what has be-



come familiarly known as the *Webotuck* matter, claiming that the action of our Grand Lodge in the premises was not satisfactory to that Grand Body; that he had appointed Most Worshipful JOHN W. SIMONS as his representative to visit our Grand Lodge at this Communication, and present the matter in the interest of that jurisdiction. I replied, that I would refer his communication to the Grand Lodge, without action on my part, and that we should be pleased to receive and welcome Most Worshipful Brother SIMONS in that capacity. On the 17th, I received a communication on the same subject from Worshipful Brother JOSEPH D. EVANS, representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, near the Grand Lodge of New York. Both communications are herewith submitted.

“I would recommend that the whole matter be carefully reviewed, and if our Grand Lodge has committed any errors in its past legislation upon this subject, that they be promptly and cheerfully corrected, and that the friendly relations which have so long existed be not interrupted.”

We regard these as eminently Masonic sentiments, and as doing justice to the impartial and clear views of the duties of the Oriental Chair.

The subject matter in the acting Grand Master's address relating to the New York difficulty, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Brother L. A. LOCKWOOD, from the Jurisprudence Committee, submitted a verbal report, and asked permission to send their report after the close of the session, in time to be published with the Proceedings, and the Grand Lodge granted permission, and continued the Committee. After the close of the session of the Grand Lodge, Brother Lockwood presented to the Grand Master his report on the New York difficulty, which is printed in these Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut at page 44. The report is entitled, “REPORT ON WEBOTUCK MATTER.”

We think the following extracts from the report of Brother Lockwood will fully and fairly give the views of our sister Grand Lodge of Connecticut on the subject:

“In brief, the facts of the case are these: In August, 1872, upon the petition of a constitutional number of

Master Masons *residing at Sharon, in the State of Connecticut*, recommended by the nearest Lodge, and in every particular complying with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, to the then Grand Master, a dispensation was granted empowering the petitioners to open a new Lodge and make Masons until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

“At the next session of the Grand Lodge a charter was granted, and there being among the petitioners a constitutional number of the members of Hamilton Lodge, No. 54, which had several years before surrendered its charter, and the petition praying the Grand Lodge to restore this charter, the said old charter was restored to the petitioners, and they were constituted into a Lodge under the old charter, name and number. Of the petitioners, two were members of Webotuck Lodge, No. 48, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, but resided in Sharon, Connecticut. One of these, Dr. Knight, had resided in Connecticut since 1852, but received his degrees in Warren Lodge, in the State of New York, in 1858, and was a charter member of Webotuck Lodge, in New York. At the time he became a charter member of Hamilton Lodge, No. 54, Connecticut, he was free of the books of Webotuck Lodge, owing no dues, and the other of the two petitioners was also a resident of Connecticut. Upon this state of facts, the question arises, whether the granting of the charter to, and the acceptance thereof by the petitioners, severed the membership of the petitioners in the several Lodges of which they were members, and made them members of the new Lodge, Hamilton, No. 54.

“It is maintained by the Grand Lodge of New York that the membership of the members of the New York Lodge can be terminated only in the way provided in the laws of the Grand Lodge of New York, which enumerates the following methods of severing membership in its Lodges.”

“1. Membership in a Lodge can only be terminated by a dimit, Sec. 26 ; 2, by a Lodge ceasing to have legal existence, Sec. 26 ; 3, by being attached to a Lodge under dispensation, as soon as Lodge is warranted, Sec. 25 ; 4, by being struck from the roll for non-payment of dues, Sec. 49 ; 5, and by sentence of expulsion or suspension, Sec. 26.

“The law of Connecticut upon this subject is the same.

“It must be borne in mind that the present Constitution of New York was adopted June 6, 1873, and ‘the dispensa-



tion for Hamilton Lodge, No. 54, was issued in 1872, and its charter granted in May, 1873.' The new Constitution has therefore no bearing in considering this case.

"Reference will, therefore, be made to the prior Constitution, unless otherwise stated, and the italics are ours.

"Sec. 2. The Grand Lodge of New York declares a Grand Lodge is a body of Masons in whom is inalienably *vested* the government and superintendence of the *Fraternity within its territorial jurisdiction*.

"Sec. 14, part 3, gives *subordinate* Lodges jurisdiction 'over *all* *Masons* and non-affiliated Brethren within its jurisdiction.'

"In 1861 the Grand Lodge of New York declared that a Mason *residing* in its jurisdiction, though a *member of a Lodge in another* State, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Lodge nearest his residence, pages 19, 176. In 1862, page 165, it declared that a Brother could not be a member of *two* Lodges at the same time.

"In 1863, page 233, it declared that upon the granting of the charter a petitioner *became a member* of the new Lodge, unless he gave immediate notice to the contrary (see also to same effect, 1858, pages 30 and 209, and 1862, 32 and 206).

"In 1864, page 25 and 164, it declared that *members of Lodges in other jurisdictions* cannot be petitioners for a new Lodge in that State, without first dimitting. Substantially, Sec. 35 of Constitution, 1873.                   \*                   \*                   \*

"New York and Connecticut both concur in the doctrine of the supreme jurisdiction of its Grand Lodge over *all matters* of Ancient Craft Masonry *within the territorial limits* of the State, and *over all* *Masons* residing therein. One of those matters, and an important one, is the *constituting* of new Lodges, by granting a charter to a constitutional number of Masons *residing therein*.

"To say that the Grand Lodge of Connecticut cannot constitute Masons residing within its territory into new Lodges, according to its own Constitution and laws, because some of them are members of a Lodge situate in another State, and because by a law of that State membership cannot be terminated except in a particular way, is not in effect giving force to Connecticut law *beyond* its territory, as claimed by some of our New York Brethren, but in truth giving effect to a law of New York *outside of its territory*, and in so far abridging the sovereign prerogatives of Connecticut



within its own territory, acting upon Masons residing therein, and invoking the exercise of its power.

“Is it not a fair construction of the law of New York, providing for severance of membership, to hold that the present case is a *casus omisus*—a case not contemplated by the Grand Lodge in the 26th section, enumerating the modes of terminating membership in Lodges? The power to constitute Lodges in its own territory is inherent and exclusive in a Grand Lodge. The very act constitutes the petitioners into a new Lodge [so says New York] and makes them members thereof; and if it be conceded that a Brother cannot be a member of two Lodges at the same time, does it not follow that his membership in the old Lodge is terminated by that act.

“What would be the result, if the other rule be applied? Seven resident Master Masons apply for a charter; it is granted, and the charter is issued, and the Lodge constituted; it is then ascertained that one of the petitioners was a member of a Lodge in another State. What becomes of the new Lodge? If this petitioner is not a member of the new Lodge, then the charter has been granted to less than a constitutional number, and the Lodge has been constituted against the Landmark. It is absolutely void, irregular, and all its work is clandestine and spurious, although working under a charter from the only Grand Lodge having jurisdiction and acting within its constitutional and inherent powers. We believe that the doctrine of supreme and exclusive territorial jurisdiction of Grand Lodges is of the most vital importance, and that the principle applied in this case, by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, is a logical result of that doctrine, and places it upon higher ground than the doctrine enunciated by New York would imply. But the Grand Lodge of New York recognizes, as has been shown, severance of membership through the granting of a charter, and that, too, *without the consent of the Lodge* of which the petitioner is a member. Is the Grand Lodge unwilling to accord the same power to other Grand Lodges issuing charters constituting its resident Brethren into Lodges?

“Practically, in the judgment of your Committee, the whole question reduces itself to a question of dollars and cents. The members of the New York Lodge had the right to dimit, or be dropped from the roll, upon application for withdrawal. If free of the books of the Lodge, *i. e.*, owing the Lodge no dues, and being under no charges or sentence,



either must have been granted. If dues unpaid, they could have been paid. Dr. Knight owed no dues. If the other Brother did, he was under obligation to pay them. Upon this matter being brought to the notice of Connecticut, it ordered both parties to pay their dues to Webotuck Lodge, and your Committee is informed that these Brethren have offered to do this. However, if they have not been paid, Connecticut can and will compel obedience to her mandate. In order to guard, in future, against such contingency, Connecticut passed a law requiring petitions to be accompanied with certificates that petitioners were free of the books of the Lodges to which they belonged. We are still unable to discover what New York desires of Connecticut in this matter. The question has been repeatedly asked, and was asked of the distinguished Brother representing New York at the last annual session of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Connecticut offers to enforce the payment of all dues owing by these Brethren until they were constituted members of the Hamilton Lodge, No. 54. Your Committee does not perceive what more can be asked, unless New York desires us to declare the constituting of Hamilton Lodge illegal and void, and invalidate the whole of its proceedings, because two of the petitioners did not go through the formality of applying for a dimit or certificate of withdrawal, or because one of these did not pay a sum for dues not exceeding \$1.50, as your Committee are informed, before they petitioned for the charter. Of course such a desire, however much we prize and esteem the fraternal regard of the Grand Lodge of New York, and however deeply we should regret any change in the most cordial and Brotherly relations which have so long existed between these old Grand Lodges, cannot be granted without the loss of self-respect, and the total disregard of the honest convictions of our own judgment. We have, however, this apology to offer, that if the Grand Lodge of Connecticut has erred in the matter, it has not done so with any desire or intention to interfere in the least with her sister of New York, or with any of her subordinates, but upon the belief that her action was right and according to her Constitution and Laws and the general usages of the Craft. She believes so still. She remains open, however, to the conviction of argument, and will gladly redress any wrong, so far as lies in her power, when thus convinced."

We have thus given full extracts from this report of

Brother LOCKWOOD, first, to give the views of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut on this question, and secondly, as the question itself is important to the harmonious relations between sister Grand Lodges.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for the year ending January 1, 1880, is from the pen of Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary. Brother WHEELER goes over the Webotuck matter, disagrees with Right Worshipful Brother SIMONS, and thus states the ground Connecticut has taken in this controversy. Right Worshipful Brother WHEELER says, quoting from Right Worshipful Past Grand Master SIMONS:

“His remarks above, that Brothers WOODWARD and KNIGHT *are not, and cannot be members of Hamilton Lodge, until they have terminated their New York membership*, are not in accord with our views on the subject. The matter in controversy has grown out of difference in the regulations between the two jurisdictions; Connecticut affirming that membership acquired after a charter is granted by being petitioners for a new Lodge, severs the membership in the Lodge to which they formerly belonged; whether this can be with the existing laws of New York is, in the mind of your Committee, a matter of doubt.”

We now propose to make a single criticism, at this time, on this subject, from the statements we have already quoted. It is a fact that two Brethren were, on a given day, members in good standing of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York. It is a fact that these two Brethren applied to be charter members of a new Lodge to be chartered under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. It is a fact that the Grand Lodge of Connecticut chartered this new Lodge according to its regulations, these two New York Brethren being charter members thereof. To our mind it is utterly unimportant, in this connection, to consider what may be the statutory regulations of either Grand Lodge as to the constitution of new Lodges, or the mode for severing Masonic connection with subordinate Lodges by their members. We have this single fact to



deal with: Can a Grand Lodge, by its own sovereign will, constitute a Brother a member of one of its subordinate Lodges, by virtue even of constituting him a charter member of said Lodge, while that Brother unqualifiedly owes allegiance to another sovereign Masonic jurisdiction? Connecticut has simply done this. Can she, by any act, absolve the Brother from his Masonic allegiance, unless it be by that sovereign power which claims jurisdiction of all Brethren within her boundaries for violation of Masonic law, for which they are amenable to the jurisdiction in which they may at the time be, and for which violation the Masonic penalty is expulsion from the Fraternity? This is the only case in Masonic jurisprudence in which a Brother, owing allegiance to one sovereign jurisdiction, can have that allegiance severed by another sovereign jurisdiction; and this is by inflicting the penalty for a Masonic crime, which penalty is expulsion from the Fraternity. The infliction of this penalty, not only severs this allegiance, but it destroys the rights and privileges of the Brother in the Fraternity of Masonry. What New York may ask of Connecticut, by way of redress for this grievance, we are not concerned to inquire. We have simply discussed the abstract principle as we consider it. Our clear conviction is, that these two Brethren could not be lawfully, members of Hamilton Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

We are glad to find in Brother WHEELER's report on Foreign Correspondence that he still holds an active and vigorous Masonic pen. While we differ with him on Cuba and Quebec, and rejoice to find that he considers Brother DRUMMOND "*a little ahead*" of us on the Cuba question, and regret to observe that he thinks there is too much of the devil in Masonry, to make Masons obedient to the principle that a "soft answer turneth away wrath;" yet we, in the most fraternal and conciliatory spirit, express our dissent from the views of our distinguished Brother to which we have referred. If there be any uncharitableness in the heart of

our distinguished Brother WHEELER over Webotuck, or Colon, or Cuba, or Quebec, the subduing influence of age, and the softening effect of time, and the acquirement of more Masonic light, will cause this to wither as the grass which in the morning was cut down, and in the evening withereth.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BARLOW, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary.

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### DAKOTA.

WE have received the Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Grand Communication, held at Yankton, June 8, 1880, Most Worshipful Brother GEO. H. HAND, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES T. MCCOY, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address, refers to the difficulties then pending at its date, with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, which up to that time had not been settled.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, Brother W. H. H. BEADLE, Chairman, is a very admirably prepared paper. We admire his conservative Masonic sentiments. He refers to Pennsylvania, as having received the printed Proceedings of this jurisdiction for 1879, and his remarks on the course of this Grand Lodge are pleasant. We are gratified that he approves the purpose of this Grand Lodge in keeping "aloof from many contests." Making haste slowly enables her to attain this result. We have not heretofore recognized the Grand Lodge of Dakota as a sister sovereign Masonic jurisdiction. So long as the Grand Lodge of Minnesota claimed Masonic jurisdiction over the territory within the then so-called Grand Lodge of Dakota, and held the allegiance of a Lodge located in that jurisdiction, there was then and there a divided authority, which failed to give to the Grand Lodge of Dakota her essential character as a Grand Lodge sovereign jurisdiction.



The views of Pennsylvania on that subject have been too often announced to need reaffirmance, or restatement, but we are truly gratified to learn, from a special report from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, made to that Grand Body on October 14, 1880, by our distinguished Brother, Past Grand Master VINCIL, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, that the difficulties between Dakota and Minnesota have been amicably arranged. We would have hesitated in accepting this information as to Dakota and Minnesota, were it not for the fact that Past Grand Master VINCIL, of Missouri, is so thorough, earnest and careful a Masonic jurisconsult, that he would not have thus spoken, in an official report, without being thoroughly satisfied of the correctness of his statement. Brother Past Grand Master VINCIL says, in his special report to which we refer:

“It is proper to record the fact that the settlement was brought about by the Lodges changing their allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota to that of Dakota.”

There being no longer any adverse claim as to the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, and all the essential requirements of a Grand Lodge in this case having been manifested, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, true to her Masonic opinions, is now permitted to offer to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Dakota her fraternal salutations and Masonic recognition.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE H. HAND, was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES T. McCox, Grand Secretary.

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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

PROCEEDINGS of Stated Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C., January 22, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother H. A. WHITNEY, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WM. R. SINGLETON, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Library report that they have 2958 volumes in their Library.

There is a report from the Committee on Jurisprudence, which we think of importance enough to quote in full :

“The subject of the necessary qualifications of Representatives of the Grand Lodges to this Grand Lodge has been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. We approach the discussion with some diffidence, because the conflicting opinions on either side cannot be determined by the authority of any positive law.

“The system of representation was introduced into Masonry not very many years ago, by the Grand Lodge of New York. It was for the laudable purpose of establishing a more efficient bond of fraternal union between the Grand Lodges of our common country, and with this view was readily accepted by them.

“No law or regulation, however, was adopted by the Grand Lodge which initiated the system, nor to our knowledge has any since been framed by that or any other Grand Lodge.

“Custom alone has governed the appointment and the recognition of Representatives, but that custom has been very uniform and uninterrupted. To that custom we must therefore refer for the decision of the question submitted to us, because, in the absence of positive law, custom or usage becomes an unwritten law. It is true that the legal maxim requires the usage to have existed from time immemorial, but in the present case we are compelled to restrict ourselves to the comparatively brief period that has elapsed since the creation of the system of representation.

“The fact that the period has been so brief in which the usage has prevailed merely takes from it the character of a Landmark, and leaves to any Grand Lodge the power of making such regulation on the subject as it may deem expedient.

“But this Grand Lodge has made no such regulation, having hitherto been governed in the appointment and recognition of Representatives by the usage that has prevailed in other Grand Jurisdictions.

“By this usage, therefore, your Committee thinks that we must be governed until some regulation is made by the Grand Lodge.

“According to this universal and uninterrupted usage in



all the jurisdictions of this country, the Representative from a sister Grand Lodge must be a member of the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited.

“The dissentients from this view endeavor to support their opinion by an analogy drawn from the qualifications of representatives from one Kingdom or State to another, who are not required to be, and indeed never are, citizens of the State to which they are accredited.

“But on consideration it will, we think, be found that the analogy does not hold good. For, in the first place, the ambassador or envoy from one State to another is required to be a citizen or subject of the State which he represents; therefore if the analogy is extended, it would require that all Representatives should be members of the Grand Lodge which they represent.

“To adopt this rule would be virtually to abolish the whole system. Each Grand Lodge in the United States would be required to send one of its members annually to the Communication of each of the Grand Lodges with which it was in alliance. It need not be said that this scheme would be wholly impracticable.

“And in the second place, the Representative is not the ambassador or envoy of the Grand Lodge which appoints him. He is not required to perform ambassadorial functions, nor are we aware of any instance in which those functions have ever been performed by a Representative. It is an office of honor and dignity, conferred without expectation of compensatory services. Whatever may have been the intention of the framers of the system, this at least is its present condition.

“As it is now understood, a representation is established between two Grand Lodges, that each may express to the other a sentiment of comity and fraternal esteem. And this sentiment is best evinced when the Grand Lodge selects for its Representative a member of the Grand Lodge in which it is to be represented. In bestowing honor on the member it bestows honor on the Grand Lodge of which he constitutes a component part.

“But in the third place, the recognition as the Representative of a sister Grand Lodge of one who is not a member of this Body would appear to be inexpedient for another reason. The Grand Lodge is not, when in session, open to the visit of any person who is not a member unless leave be obtained from the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. No

provision is made to exempt from this rule the Representatives of Grand Lodges who are not members of this Body. Such a Representative might at any time be excluded from the session of the Grand Lodge by a majority vote of the Body, or by the simple order of the Grand Master. The exclusion of a Brother who, in his person, represents a Grand Lodge in fraternal communion with the Body from its deliberations might lead to unpleasant complications. It is not probable that such an event would occur, but it is possible, and in framing a regulation it is the part of wisdom to provide against all possible contingencies.

“For these reasons your Committee express the opinion that no one should be recognized as the Representative of a Grand Lodge near this Grand Lodge unless the said Representative be a member of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

A. G. MACKAY,  
CHARLES F. STANSBURY,  
*Committee on Jurisprudence.”*

We fully agree with most of the principles laid down in this report, and as to those with which we cannot agree, they are of such minor importance as not to need special reference here.

The address of the Grand Master was delivered at the Annual Grand Communication, held November 12, 1879; the Semi-Annual Communication having been held on May 14, 1870; an Installation Communication was held December 27, 1879, when Most Worshipful Brother JOSEPH SYLVESTER MCCOY was installed as Grand Master. His inaugural address is conservative and appropriate.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our distinguished Brother WM. R. SINGLETON, Grand Secretary. We thank him very kindly for his notice of Pennsylvania. We cannot yet agree with the remarks in his “CONCLUSION” as to a General Grand Lodge in the United States. It is not “*ritualism*” that we complain about, but we do assert that there is no Masonic Body now existing, or to be constituted, that can establish “some general uniform *code* for the whole country on *Masonic law and practice*.” Grand Lodges are sovereign, and no General



Grand Lodge can be created, except by the sovereign Grand Lodges. We do not believe that any one of our sister sovereignties would surrender any of its inherent rights and powers, even for the sake of a uniform code of Masonic law and practice.

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## ENGLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held December 3, 1879, Right Worshipful Brother Lt. Col. FRANCIS BURDETT, Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, as Grand Master; Brother HENRY GUSTAVUS BUSS, Assistant Grand Secretary.

The report of the Board of General Purposes, was presented by Most Worshipful Brother JOHN B. MONCKTON, President. The greater part of these Proceedings refer to the retirement of Brother JOHN HERVEY, as Grand Secretary; and also to the subject of the uniformity of work throughout the jurisdiction.

PROCEEDINGS of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England. Especial Grand Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, January 17, 1880; *present*, His Royal Highness the PRINCE OF WALES, on the Throne; Brother HENRY G. BUSS, Assistant Grand Secretary. The Communication was held for the purpose of "investing Brother SHADWELL H. CLERKE, with the office of Grand Secretary."

PROCEEDINGS of An Especial Grand Lodge, held at the Town Hall, Truro, May 20, 1880; the Right Honorable the EARL OF LATHOM, Deputy Grand Master, on the Throne, and Very Worshipful Brother Lt. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary. This Special Communication was held for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of Truro Cathedral.

PROCEEDINGS of a Quarterly Communication, held at Free-

masons' Hall, London, June 2, 1880; the Right Honorable the EARL OF CARNARVON, Provincial Grand Master, on the Throne; Very Worshipful Brother Lt. Col. S. H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

We observe that at this Communication the Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE W. LININGER, Past Grand Master of Nebraska, U. S., was a visitor. At this Communication the Right Honorable the EARL OF ONSLOW was invested as Senior Grand Warden, having been absent at the proper time.

The Board of General Purposes states, in their report, (Brother GEO. B. MONCKTON, President), that having received a formal complaint that a Brother had "violated the Constitution by appearing in a public place or assembly, viz., one of Her Majesty's levees, wearing Masonic jewels without the authority of the Grand Master," the Board proceeded to deal with him. It appearing that the error arose from a mistake in the construction of the Constitution, and he making due submission and expressing regret, was only admonished.

We quote in full the following Proceedings, which we think of interest to the Craft everywhere:

"Brother ÆNEAS J. MCINTYRE—Most Worshipful Grand Master:—The next business which the Grand Lodge has to consider is that of the Appeals. The first is an Appeal by the Worshipful Master, officers and other members of the Joppa Lodge, No. 864, Cape Town, against the decision of the District Grand Master of South Africa, Western Division, for declining to entertain a complaint against certain Brethren of the Lodge for conspiring to blackball candidates.

"The voluminous documents show that this is a matter which has occupied a considerable time in South Africa, and we have a long correspondence and long petitions with annexures, which extend from the letter A to the letter M, which if I were to read would occupy a very long time in Grand Lodge, but I think if Grand Lodge and your Lordship will permit me I shall be able to summarize what comes before us in a very short compass indeed. It is a petition to Grand Lodge, in substance and terms, setting out that they



had petitioned the District Grand Master to take into consideration the state of their Lodge, and setting out also in their petition that they brought before him that the Lodge was in a very unsatisfactory condition, that a small majority in the Lodge, whose names they set out, but which I think need not be repeated here, obstruct the good working of the Lodge, and they prayed the District Grand Master either to erase the Joppa Lodge, No. 864, or to quell the insubordination of the minority of the members, but they chiefly press upon him that the Lodge should be erased, and that if he will undertake to erase the Lodge and return their Warrant of Constitution to the Grand Lodge of England, they will at once send it to him for that purpose. The District Grand Master considered the matter, and the papers which had been laid before him, and he came to the conclusion that as far as the erasure of the Lodge was concerned he had no power to do so; and certainly in that I think this Grand Lodge will concur. The circumstance that there are some Brethren in a Lodge who disturb its harmony is no ground whatever for erasing that Lodge. Brethren can resign, and according to our Constitution the Lodge belongs to those who remain. The Right Worshipful District Grand Master therefore told them that he could not erase the Lodge, he had no power to do so, and if he had the power in the exercise of his discretion he still would not take that course. On the other hand he advised them to try and meet together and discuss their differences with that harmony which ought always to characterize the Brethren of a Lodge, and by a little judicious management and a little forbearance and tact, harmony would doubtless be restored. It is against that decision that the Brethren now appeal. The case of blackballing is mentioned in the appeal; and I think I ought to state to Grand Lodge what really was done. This communication which comes to us is dated in February of this year, and it sets out the proceedings, the petition to the District Grand Master of the 14th January, 1880, and the circumstances that took place at the meeting of the Lodge in that month. The first part of the disturbance in this Lodge appears to have been of an ulterior date to any papers that have been sent here, or to any documents that have been furnished either by one side or the other; but there does appear to have been a bad state of feeling with reference to blackballing prior to the month of July, 1879. But in that month the Lodge met. The Master was in the Chair, and several Past Masters and



Officers of the Lodge were present, and two Brethren of the Lodge, who seem to have been suspected by the Worshipful Master of being the blackballers in the Lodge, came in just before a candidate was put up for the ballot. Immediately afterwards the Worshipful Master addressed the Lodge, and stated his view that no one ought to blackball another unless for proper and sufficient reason, and, by name, he called upon these two Brethren and asked them whether they intended to blackball the candidate about to be put up, as it had been stated that an intimation had been sent to him that the candidate would be blackballed. They protested against this, and the Worshipful Master complains that they protested in un-Masonic and insulting language. Acting on the spur of the moment he did that which seems to me an excess of a Master's authority—he declared one of the Brethren to be suspended. I do not know for what. I can understand that you can expell a Brother for good cause, but also you cannot suspend him from his Masonic functions without good cause. However, in the course of the evening he withdrew his suspension, and the ballot took place, when two black balls appeared against the candidate who had been put up; the Worshipful Master and some of the Brethren in the Lodge consulted together; the Worshipful Master then declared the result of the ballot, and said he thought there must be some misunderstanding, and that the ballot should be proceeded with again. I pause in going on with this case to express my great regret that in many Lodges this is done, and the object for which it is done was the object which was carried out by this Worshipful Master and for which he got a reprimand, it is to try and find out the blackballers so as to prevent the exercise of his right. I have stated to this Grand Lodge, and I state it now, that if it can be clearly proved that Brethren joined together, or conspire—I will use that good legal term for it—if they conspire together to blackball every person put up for the Lodge it would be a good ground for the Lodge summoning them to show cause why they should not be excluded for injuring it; and if that had been done, if the proof had been given that these Brethren had conspired together to blackball every one, irrespective of his character or position, then, I think, it would have been a good cause for excluding the Brethren, and the District Grand Master, when the Lodge appealed to him, would have come to the same conclusion. But what was done by the Master of the Lodge was this,—he called upon



the Brethren to vote again, saying he thought there was an error, but there really was no error. Speaking to these Brethren he asked them to pledge themselves not to blackball, there being only two blackballs—he said he must go to the ballot again, but no one need vote in the ballot unless he chose. The ballot went round. Four voted, the proposer and seconder and these two Brethren. The Worshipful Master upon that called upon the proposer and seconder and asked them if they had blackballed the candidate. The proposer and seconder, of course, denied that they had done so, and the Worshipful Master came to the conclusion that these two Brethren had blackballed the candidate, and therefore he, knowing that, took the initiative in excluding them from the Lodge. Immediately upon this the Brethren appealed to the District Grand Master; they charged the Worshipful Master with tampering with the ballot, and in this way preventing its secrecy. The Master of the Lodge was summoned, with his officers, to appear. He was summoned peremptorily, but he did not appear, and the Right Worshipful District Grand Master ordered these Brethren to be replaced. They came to be reinstated in January; they were not reinstated; two other Brethren took their parts, and a disturbance took place in the Lodge. The Lodge was never closed at all, and therefore it is open at the present time. The Worshipful Master said he could not close it, and he petitions the District Grand Master for the erasure of the Lodge. I have told you what the District Grand Master said, that he could not erase the Lodge, and the insubordination they ought to settle among themselves. You see there was no direct charge of a specific character brought before the District Grand Master, therefore I respectfully move the Grand Lodge ‘That the appeal of the Worshipful Master, officers, and other members of the Joppa Lodge, No. 864, be dismissed, and the decision of the District Grand Master be upheld.’

“Brother JAMES MASON, P. G. S. B., seconded the motion, which was put and carried.”

As we have often heretofore stated, the Board of General Purposes seems to have the greatest part of the labor of administration of the Grand Lodge on its hands.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication, held at Freemasons’ Hall, London, September 1, 1880; Right Worshipful Brother Lieut. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Provincial

Grand Master for Middlesex, as Grand Master ; Worshipful Brother HENRY GUSTAVUS BUSS, Assistant Grand Secretary.

The Board of General Purposes submitted their report, which was read and entered upon the minutes.

The Annual Report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, was laid before the Grand Lodge.

No other business, except the consideration of an appeal of a Brother from the action of a New Zealand Lodge, which appeal was "allowed."

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## FLORIDA.

PROCEEDINGS of Fifty-first Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge of Florida, held at Masonic Hall, Jacksonville, January 20, 1880 ; Most Worshipful Brother WM. A. McLEAN, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary.

We note with pleasure the concluding portion of the address of Grand Master McLEAN. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother D. C. DAWKINS, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence. It is unique, and to our mind, an admirably prepared report. We should like to copy it *verbatim*. Its reference to the attempted organization of a Grand Lodge in Australia, and to the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec, are worthy of attention. We cannot agree with the conclusions as to the Grand Lodge of Cuba, nor can we agree with part of the argument as to the relation between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland. However, Brother DAWKINS deserves the thanks of the Craft for the report, which we have read with so much interest.



## GEORGIA.

PROCEEDINGS of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, assembled in Annual Communication in Masonic Temple, Macon, October 26, 1880 ; Most Worshipful Brother JAMES M. MOBLEY, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master refers to matters of domestic interest, except its reference to the "condition and general welfare of Masonry" in which his views are well stated.

We observe no matter of general interest in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and there is no report from the Committee on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother JOSIAH I. WRIGHT, was elected Grand Master ; Right Worshipful J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, Grand Secretary.

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## IDAHO.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Boise City, September 14, 1880 ; Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES HIMROD, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother L. F. CARTEE, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address, says "We are at harmony within, and at peace without our borders." We take great pleasure in reading Grand Master HIMROD's address. The Grand Master appointed a Committee on Foreign Correspondence at the afternoon session of September 16, 1880 ; but that Committee appears not to have been able to complete its work, for no report comes from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. In reading the Proceedings, brief and concise as they are, we congratulate the Craft of Idaho, at what appears to be their healthful Masonic condition.

Most Worshipful Brother H. E. PRICKETT, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother L. F. CARTEE, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## ILLINOIS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, at its Forty-first Annual Grand Communication, held at Chicago, on the 5th, 6th and 7th of October, 1880 ; Most Worshipful Brother THEODORE GURNEY, Grand Master, in the East, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN T. BURRILL, Grand Secretary.

We take the following extract from the Grand Master's address:

"I am addressing Brethren recognized as selections from the best elements of society—Brethren who comprehend duty and obligation, and who as a rule grasp the generic thought of Masonry, but some of whom are sometimes liable to contract an impression that the Fraternity is not an active aggressive power designed to run parallel in importance with every force that is to conserve the welfare of mankind. This tendency is the natural result of specific lines of duty peculiar to the organization, and frequently permitted to crystallize into mere formal compliance with our covenants ; the more particularly when we neglect to associate charity and benevolence with the Author of all beneficent inspiration. Mechanism ever so beautiful and correct in its proportions, is not of any practical value in the absence of the power that is to propel it ; so the utility of an institution like ours is dependent upon its disposition to be guided by the hand that gave it an existence. If we disregard both 'Faith and Hope,' we shall lapse into an organization, though possessed of external embellishments, that will not be of any valuable significance to the world.

"Good men instinctively look for avenues of life that lead the most directly to the fruition of their hopes for the present and future. They are not to be deceived by tinsel or toy, neither will senseless professions attract their friendly attention. If Masonry is to be a factor in aggregating these, and intensifying by this unity their devotion to the general welfare, we should not forget that such men will measure our claims to consideration by the same rules that we have established to determine fitness for our association.

"We declare the foundations of Masonry imperishable, because they rest upon Divine command. We know that they are no more to be disturbed by open designing enemies



than is the mount of their enunciation; nevertheless we may impose upon them a structure that obscures their origin, only to insure a want of respect for our pretensions. If we do this, there is not any escape from merited obscurity. Our Institution, with all others, will be commended or condemned as it adheres to or deviates from its professions. If a Lodge is to command the respect of the community in which it exists, it must insist upon truest manhood from its members. Practical life is the demonstrator of personal character. What a Mason *does* is the true index of his value to humanity. The same rule applies to men in their associated capacity. Professions are not of any importance in presence of a disregard for obligation, and the more exalted our official or other Masonic attainments, the more vivid and damaging our insincerity. Our Fraternity should have *men* rather than professional theorists who can coolly administer a ritual, become eloquent in discussing the fundamental ideas and demands of the Lodge, and the next moment jubilant in associations that do not have a remote relation to respectability.

“Fraternal obligation is two-fold in its character. The first relates specifically to organization, and the second to laws embodied in our ‘Great Light,’ and governing though we did not have connection with the Lodge. One is in entire harmony with the other and contemplates our highest welfare; consequently all departures from these standards of action is to set at willful defiance the purposes and interests of the organization. It may be an error that the Mystic Circle should be the index of a Mason’s covenants and responsibilities, but so long as it insists upon an elevated standard of life we must keep within its boundaries, else submit to the humiliation of being placed upon the roll of institutions which have discarded their principles and outlived their usefulness. It may be asked, why not eliminate the ‘Moral Edifice?’ For the only reason, Brethren, that this structure is the only safeguard to society. Society could not be perpetuated, neither could we exist and be *men*, except we occupy and maintain a position that conserves the welfare of our race.”

The address further notices the differences between the Grand Lodges of New Mexico and Missouri, Minnesota and Dakota.

We would be glad to insert the argument of the Grand

Master on the subject of "Grand Lodge Jurisdiction." It is the clear and forcible expression of the Masonic law governing such relations; but we cannot refrain from giving this brief extract:

"\* \* \* Another pernicious fallacy, born of this position of our Missouri and Minnesota Brethren, is that recognition of the legality of a Grand Lodge is but an acceptance of the regularity of its organization, *with jurisdiction limited to the territory occupied by the assenting Lodge.*

"Of our knowledge of American Masonry this is the first serious attempt to insist that the Grand Lodge of New York, the Grand Lodge of Missouri, the Grand Lodge of Illinois, the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, or any other Grand Lodge, did not embrace when organized, the *entire territory included in each* political State or Territory in which such Bodies were formed. If this be not true there has not probably, been a regular organized Grand Lodge since the introduction of Grand Lodges to this Continent. Furthermore, if it be true that a Grand Body does not acquire exclusive territorial jurisdiction upon its organization, not only did Missouri violate law in its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, but in the recognition of every other Grand Lodge that it has accepted into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges since its organization in 1821; for, so far as our knowledge extends, there has rarely been entire unanimity among Lodges on the organization of a Grand Body. When was it ever suggested that a Grand Lodge should not be recognized in its entirety, except by Missouri and Minnesota, because a minority of Lodges of the territory did not assent to its formation? Missouri did not allude to this irregularity in her recognition of New Mexico. It is true that she extended a qualified recognition to Quebec, which was, however, repudiated by the latter and universally condemned by other Grand Lodges.

"If the Grand Lodge of Quebec in her application for recognition to the Grand Lodge of Scotland had elected to permit, for the time being, that Elgin Lodge should remain under the direction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, she could do so as an act of fraternal comity, but not in conformity with American jurisdictional law; but to deny that she did not acquire *exclusive* territorial jurisdiction when organized and admitted to the family of Grand Lodges, is to suggest a blunder on the part of every Grand Lodge that



extended the fraternal welcome. *Exclusive* jurisdiction has but *one* meaning. It does not admit of any qualification; but on the contrary unequivocally *asserts* the right of a Grand Lodge to assume *entire control of Masonry within its prescribed limits*—the political division in which it is located.

“We cannot conceive of any justification for the position that a Grand Lodge can of right continue its supervision of a Lodge located in the territory of a newly organized Grand Lodge, that will not also justify the invasion of its territory after its organization. If Missouri has any rights in New Mexico they embrace control over the territory which by its law is assigned to the jurisdiction of constituent Lodges. If this be not true, the Lodge which is now the subject of controversy between Missouri and New Mexico, does not have any jurisdictional rights, and consequently cannot confer degrees. If it be the fact, however, that this Lodge retains jurisdiction over specific territory, she *must* hold it by virtue of either the law of New Mexico, or Missouri; if by the latter, then Missouri is as much warranted in chartering Lodges within that boundary as in retaining jurisdiction over the one she planted. One is just as much of an invasion of ‘exclusive jurisdiction’ as the other.

“Upon a careful review of the subject, we are of the decided opinion that this Grand Lodge should decline fraternal intercourse with any Grand Body that permits a Lodge, unauthorized by it, to exist within its jurisdiction. We conceive it to be the plain duty of the Grand Lodges of New Mexico and Dakota, if recusant Lodges within their jurisdictions persist in their defiance of law, to declare them unlawful and clandestine. They owe this to the law and universal sentiment of Masonry upon this continent.”

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH ROBBINS. It is an elaborate, careful and admirable report, and does its Right Worshipful author infinite credit as a sound conservative cultured Brother. Indeed, these proceedings set out in the pamphlet before us are strikingly interesting and valuable. In his notice of Pennsylvania, Right Worshipful Brother ROBBINS reviews our suggestions as to the cardinal principles which are the corner-stones of Masonic Sovereignty in Grand Lodges of the Craft. We assert, as in our judgment, the recognition of a Grand Lodge

as the supreme sovereign power within its claimed jurisdiction, by "competent Masonic authority" is, by the Grand Lodge whose chartered Lodges form such Grand Lodge. When these Lodges abandon their allegiance to the Masonic parent and take their charters from the Grand Lodge they have created, and thus acknowledge its supreme sovereignty, the faculty of sovereignty is complete.

If there are Lodges having their charter from several Grand Lodges and they unite to form a Grand Lodge, each parent Grand Lodge must recognize the Grand Lodge, and that is such a recognition as is within the compass of "competent Masonic authority."

We beg our esteemed Brother ROBBINS to accept our most fraternal assurance of the gratification we have had in reading his able report, and that our hope is to be able in Masonic law yet to find ourselves recognized by each other, "as competent Masonic authority."

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM H. SCOTT, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN F. BURRILL, Grand Secretary.

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## INDIANA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixty-third Annual Grand Communion, held at Indianapolis, May 25th and 26th, 1880; Most Worshipful Brother BELLAMY S. SUTTON, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WM. H. SMYTHE, Grand Secretary.

While the opening of the address of the Grand Master is very fine, we hardly think its reach is appropriate, although the extract from Professor Brother NORRIS's poem does credit to the poetic ability of his Lodge, Shelby Lodge, No. 28. We find that the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed a Brother his special deputy to preside at a trial of a Worshipful Master by his Lodge. We never before knew that a Lodge could try its Master, even if a deputy of the Grand



Master presided. The Grand Master was in favor of Bien-nial Sessions.

We trust it will be a long time before Grand Master SUTTON is to be carried along that road on the hillside by four squires.

There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother CALVIN W. PRATHER was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother W. M. H. SMYTHE, Grand Secretary.

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## INDIAN TERRITORY.

PROCEEDINGS of Fifth Annual Grand Communication, held at Eufaula, Creek Nation, November 4, 1879; Most Worshipful Brother J. S. MURROW, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother W. A. McBRIDE, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address, says: "It is well to often review the principles of our Institution, that we may know whence we came, what we are, and whither we are traveling." To which we respectfully add, Amen. But we would suggest that there is another duty devolving on us, to try and understand those principles. It is all very well to cry, "Lo, here!" and "Lo, there!" but Masonic truth is to be known only by a diligent and intelligent study of the usages, customs and landmarks of the Fraternity. The Grand Master says that Scotland is plainly in error, and hopes that Quebec will receive an expression of the sympathy of their Grand Lodge.

There is a report from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence. We cannot find who constitute the Committee, because the report begins by stating, "As usual this report has been written under difficulties. The Chairman begged off because of pressing business engagements, and weak eyes; another member married a wife." So Brother HOGUE re-

viewed the Proceedings of several Grand Lodges. "Poor HOBSON" had the choice of giving the aborigines a glimpse of the doings of the Brethren elsewhere, or let the report go by default. Be all this as it may, sad as it is, we are glad the Chairman was not "killed in August," as one of his predecessors was. Neither does the author of this report sign it with three X's—XXX, as the former report was signed—so, perforce, we must hold Brother HOGUE responsible. We are glad he is a bachelor, and has strong eyes. We fear he will have to wear glasses, nevertheless, for he has not been able to see the Proceedings of Pennsylvania, which were duly sent. However, when this Grand Lodge gets out of the Cherokee country, or the Cherokees—if they are the aborigines mentioned in the report, get out of the Grand Lodge, we may be gratified by hearing from our distinguished Brother HOGUE, unless he becomes blind, like St. Paul, or marries a wife.

Most Worshipful Brother P. J. BYRNE, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother W. A. McBRIDE, Grand Secretary.

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## IOWA.

ANNALS of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Vol. VIII, Part 1, 1880. Proceedings of Thirty-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Des Moines, June 1, 1880; Most Worshipful Brother ALBERT C. ABBOTT, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THEODORE S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary.

We see it stated that the Grand Master "called the Brethren to order." This is a novelty—opening the Grand Lodge in ample form by the Grand Master is the proper proceeding. The Grand Master's address endorses, in common with our sister Grand Bodies, the doctrine of absolute territorial jurisdiction, and very justly criticises the action of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in its resolution maintaining its juris-



diction in the Grand Lodge of Dakota. His remarks on Foreign Correspondence are admirable. While we applaud the pains of our Brother, the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, in getting up his pamphlet of Proceedings, we observe innovations in the programme of installation, which we hardly think should pass without at least this notice.

- There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN N. McCLANAHAN, was elected Grand Master, and our esteemed Brother THEODORE S. PARVIN, we are glad to see, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## KANSAS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Twenty-fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at Leavenworth, October 16 and 17, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother EDWIN D. HILLYER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is interesting. He refers to the Webotuck matter, regrets that it is not yet satisfactorily adjusted, speaks very properly of the Grand Orient of France, deplores the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and asks that it be referred to the Committee of Foreign Correspondence for further action, and is unable to recognize the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Right Worshipful Brother BROWN, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, made a sound special report, which does him infinite credit. The annual report of the Right Worshipful Brother on Foreign Correspondence is what might be expected from the special report to which we have referred. It is thorough and intelligent. His notice of Pennsylvania is personally kind to us, for which we tender him our sincere acknowledgments. Perhaps it would not be amiss if our Brethren, both in Kansas

and elsewhere, would carefully read the decisions "from Pennsylvania." They may "sound a little strange," but are they not founded upon the indestructible Landmarks of the Craft? We hope the reprint will *not* be a failure. We desire to say to Right Worshipful Brother BROWN that we have read his reports with infinite satisfaction and delight.

Most Worshipful Brother J. D. McCLEVERTY was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BROWN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## KENTUCKY.

PROCEEDINGS of the Eightieth Annual Grand Communication, held at Louisville, October 24, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS S. PETTIT, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother HIRAM BASSETT, Grand Secretary.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Master's address was able and interesting. In his address, under title "Conflict of Jurisdiction," he gives a case of conflict of jurisdiction with Tennessee, and as it is interesting to the Craft everywhere, we extract it:

### "CONFLICT OF JURISDICTIONS.

"A legacy from the last Grand Lodge to your Grand Master of very great importance to the Craft, is the principles involved in the case of S. M. Toliver *vs.* King Solomon Lodge, No. 94, at Gallatin, Tennessee. It necessitated a long controversy between the worthy and talented Grand Master of that State and myself, and to which I respectfully refer in the appendix of this address. Succinctly stated, the case is this: Toliver, a member of Simpson Benevolent Lodge, No. 177, at Franklin, Simpson county, Kentucky, while sojourning in Gallatin, Tennessee, a few miles distant from Franklin, was charged with an un-Masonic act. The Lodge at Gallatin took up the charges, after Toliver removed from their Jurisdiction, and expelled him, although this Grand Lodge had requested said Lodge to discontinue the proceedings and refer them to his own



Lodge for trial. (See printed Proceedings, 1878, page 47, paragraph 4.) Toliver, feeling himself aggrieved by the action of King Solomon Lodge, No. 94, appealed to your Grand Master, who directed that his own Lodge, where similar charges were pending, should proceed with the hearing of his case without regard to the decision of Lodge No. 94. This makes a bold and broad issue, and had as well be settled now as at any other time. In emphatically denying the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Lodge I feel there is a connection existing between a Lodge and its members which no other Lodge has power to sever or annul, and should not have. Grant it and you but give a Lodge power to suspend or expel the membership of a rival Lodge, and blot it forever from existence. Mitchell, in his Common Law of Masonry, page 206, lays down the true doctrine. He says:

“ ‘Masons holding membership in other jurisdictions must be tried where they hold membership; but it is the duty of any Lodge to prefer charges, have them authenticated and forwarded to his Lodge. Not so with non-affiliated Masons; they must be tried by the nearest Lodge.’ ”

“It will be observed in the correspondence, that Grand Master CONNER admits the doctrine to some extent, but errs, as I think, in supposing that it is or can be affected by change of residence or length of time a member may be bodily absent from the jurisdiction of his Lodge. So long as he holds membership in it, it is his *Masonic home*, and I care not how long he may reside in another Lodge jurisdiction; and whatever part he may take in its ‘work or processions,’ is but the *courtesy* extended to a visitor. Your Grand Master is aware that the offence with which Toliver is charged is one against the whole body of Masonry, and not simply against the Lodge, in whose jurisdiction he chanced to be when the act was perpetrated. But be it so. Where better could a fair trial be had, obligated as we are, than in his own Lodge, with all the evidence easily accessible? I can never assent to the doctrine that a Lodge in another State can take up and expel or suspend, and turn a Brother out of his own Lodge, so long as I have control over this jurisdiction. King Solomon Lodge, No. 94, and Simpson Benevolent Lodge, No. 177, being only a short distance apart, I endeavored to secure a hearing for Toliver in his own Lodge on the more pleasing ground of ‘*courtesy*’ between the jurisdictions; but failing in this, my efforts were as indica-

ted above, and I submit to the disinterested judgment of all Masonic jurisconsults whether the comity of Freemasonry was fairly regarded in this case, when his own Lodge—one of the oldest and best in Kentucky—was first ready to deal with the offender, and had appointed a committee to proceed to Gallatin to procure all evidence.”

We take exception to the whole of this reasoning. With this special case and its merits we have nothing to do. It belongs to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. But as the Most Worshipful Grand Master has set out his reasons for his judgment, and as these, from the distinguished source from which they emanate, must have an influence on the judgment of the Craft, we feel it our duty respectfully and fraternally to differ from the reasoning in this address. We hold it to be Masonic law that if a Brother, a member of a Lodge in another jurisdiction, while sojourning under the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, commits a Masonic offence (and when we say Masonic offence we mean a violation of the Landmarks, usages and customs of the Craft—which is a Masonic offence everywhere, under all jurisdictions of Free and Accepted Masons), he can be tried for such offence by the subordinate Lodge nearest to which the offence was committed. What has the Brother done? He has violated the essential principles of the Craft, the fundamental basis upon which Freemasonry rests. This offence is not against any particular Lodge or any particular jurisdiction; it is against the Landmarks of the Craft. What matters it of what subordinate Lodge he is a member? He has committed a violation of Masonic law—universal Masonic law. The preservation of this law in its purity and integrity demands prompt punishment, and a lawfully warranted and duly constituted Lodge of the Craft has jurisdiction. In taking this jurisdiction it is not trying any particular Brother, it is obeying the great law imperative upon it, as upon all Lodges, and all Brethren, requiring that the usages, customs and Landmarks of the Craft should be maintained, and violations of them punished. If it shall



so be that the penalty for this offence is expulsion from Freemasonry, the judgment of such Lodge, if not reversed, is conclusive as between the Brother tried and the Craft everywhere. This we regard as the Masonic law in such cases, and without undertaking to decide how it may apply to the particular case under discussion (which is no part of our province), we feel it a duty to give it expression. On a careful comparison of these views with those of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Kentucky, we think the question narrows itself to the punishment of Masonic offences. The "*Masonic home*" of every Brother is in the body of the Craft, and that home can only be made the abiding place of the true Mason by the indestructible power of Masonic justice maintaining and supporting Masonic law.

So much of the Grand Master's address as refers to his prerogative, we cordially endorse. There is no sounder Masonic principle than, that the Grand Master, in the interim of the Grand Lodge, is the Grand Lodge, as Most Worshipful Grand Master PETTIT properly asserts.

Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT MORRIS, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a special report, asserting the Grand Lodge doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction.

The general report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our Most Worshipful Brother ROB. MORRIS, Chairman. His notice of Pennsylvania is very kind, but we advise him, hereafter, when he reads the Proceedings from this jurisdiction, to adopt the Hebrew plan, of reading backwards. We say this because we feel a little mortified—we admit it, honestly—that he, like Brother DRUMMOND, of Maine, has made us feel our utter unworthiness as compared with that of our Worshipful Brother MACCALLA, who, sitting at the table as we read Brother MORRIS's remarks, expresses in his face that sincere and secret joy which the remarks of Brother MORRIS—so just and true in themselves—have caused in him. There is a sort of cynical smile about the lip of our Brother MACCALLA.

We notice it, and ask him to explain it; and he says, frankly, too,—“Why, yes, Brother VAUX, certainly. There’s our distinguished Brother DRUMMOND, and our distinguished Brother MORRIS, neither of them for a moment believed that you could have written what they attribute to the pen of one of ‘large attainments in architecte study,’ ‘author of a volume of descriptions of famous cathedrals,’ ‘of a report of ninety pages, reviewing forty-seven Grand Lodges.’ No, dear Brother VAUX, no. But don’t be distressed. When you are as old as we are, and accustomed to just criticisms on our style and literary character, possibly, Brothers DRUMMOND and MORRIS will do you justice.” Well, in the language of the poet, we will “learn to labor and to wait.”

Most Worshipful Brother JAKE RICE was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother HIRAM BASSETT Grand Secretary.

We have also a pamphlet copy of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge, dated October, 1880. Brother MORRIS in this report has obeyed the order of his Grand Lodge, and made a more condensed report.

All Brother MORRIS writes is in so interesting and agreeable a style that, whether enlarged or condensed, we read it with pleasure. Our Most Worshipful Brother, Past Grand Master MORRIS, in noticing Pennsylvania, is full and kind. His notice of the report of the Committee on Landmarks, of which Past Grand Master LAMBERTON is Chairman, upon the power of ten or more members to require a Worshipful Master to convene a Lodge, is quoted approvingly, and his notice of Grand Secretary THOMSON is pleasant and gratifying. We don’t think he makes much out of that “*corpus*” business. When we have the honor of taking a *bottle* of wine with him, we don’t intend it shall be a *pint*.

PROCEEDINGS of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kentucky, held at Louisville, October 19th, 1880, Most Wor-



shipful JAKE RICE, Grand Master, presiding, and Right Worshipful HIRAM BASSETT, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address states that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Tennessee, has appointed a committee of three Past Grand Masters to visit the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, for the purpose of adjusting the controversy growing out of the Toliver case. Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters JOHN FRIZZELL, and S. DESHIEL on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, were welcomed and received the Grand Honors. The delegation then presented an address setting forth the points on which Tennessee relied in its decision on the case in question.

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee by its Committee on Jurisprudence made a report on the address of the Tennessee delegation.

As this subject is yet undetermined by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, we will wait final action before reviewing the issue then to be made.

Most Worshipful Brother W. LARUE THOMAS was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother HIRAM BASSETT, Grand Secretary.

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## LOUISIANA.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at New Orleans, February 9th to 12th, 1880, Most Worshipful Brother EDWIN MARKS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., Grand Secretary.

Let us begin here, and salute, in the depth of our fraternal regard, our dear Brother BATCHELOR. Our prayer to the Great Architect of the Universe is that He will preserve our Brother for long usefulness to the Craft.

The address of Most Worshipful Grand Master MARKS opens with a most judicious and proper paragraph, and has

reference to matters of domestic interest. His remarks upon the perpetual right of objection we approve, but we cannot agree to the limitation of its exercise. We observe that the edicts of the Grand Lodge and decisions of the Grand Master are printed in French as well as in English.

We cannot accept the apology of our Worshipful Brother WM. R. WHITAKER, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence. His report is as carefully considered as it should be, and a very able report it is, and we grieve to find that we lose such a Brother from our reportorial corps, for he bids us a final adieu. It is to be regretted, we do think, that when Brethren become thoroughly qualified for the arduous duties of preparing the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and have become, as it were, personally as well as Masonically attached to Brethren holding like positions under other Grand Lodges, that for any reason they should sever this association. His notice of Pennsylvania, like all that has fallen from his pen that we have observed, evinces a thorough comprehension of his duties, and the most fraternal feelings towards his Brethren. We take the liberty of asking Brother WHITAKER to reconsider his determination to withdraw from his present position. We say in sincerity and frankness, we think it will be a loss to the Craft everywhere.

Most Worshipful Brother EDWIN MARKS was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother Dr. BATCHELOR, Grand Secretary.

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## MAINE.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-first Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine, held in Masonic Hall, Portland, May 4, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES J. COLLAMORE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother IRA BERRY, Grand Secretary.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master's address relates only



to questions of interest in that Grand Lodge. We give the captions of paragraphs to indicate its character, and indeed it may be said that these kindred subjects engage the attention of most of the Most Worshipful Grand Masters in their official annual addresses: "The Fraternal Dead;" "Grand Treasurer;" "Lodges Constituted;" "Naval Lodges;" "Installations;" "Halls Burned;" "St. John's Day;" "Dedication at Belfast;" "Representatives;" "Trials;" "Lodge Histories;" "Grand Lodge Clothing;" "Dispensations;" "Corner Stone;" "New Lodges;" "Decisions;" "Reports;" "Halls and Proceedings." We give these captions only for the purpose of indicating what we mean when we use the language descriptive of Grand Master's addresses, that they refer to questions of interest to the Grand Lodges addressed.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is the work of our distinguished and esteemed Brother, Right Worshipful JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, who, with Worshipful Brothers TIMOTHY J. MURRAY and STEPHEN BERRY, constitute the Committee.

We read with lively interest the Masonic writing of our Right Worshipful Brother DRUMMOND, and to this report we have given our usual careful attention. It is an exhaustive, full, and most able report. It is replete with extracts from the Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges. Under "Colon and Cuba" there is only a page of quotations from official documents from these once separate Grand Bodies—we think *distinct* is the better adjective—and a paragraph of rejoicing, which comes, we think, reluctantly from the pen, however otherwise from the heart of our Brother, over the settlement of the questions which separated those organizations. We think this only from the fact that our respected Brother says, "we had prepared quite an elaborate review" of the Bulletins of the so-called Grand Lodge of Colon and the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Cuba." Our distinguished Brother, we fear, felt some regret at the loss of the opportunity to discuss the questions over which much has been said on the rights of either body to be recognized

as a Grand Lodge. Now, however, this issue is decided. We have no desire to withdraw a word we have written, and we feel sure our distinguished Brother would not obliterate a sentence from his able reports, in which he has explained his views on the Masonic principles which governed this controversy.

In regard to the controversy between the Grand Lodges of Connecticut and New York, known as the "Webotuck Case," Brother DRUMMOND decides against the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. We have already given our views on this question under title of "Connecticut" in this report. We have the honor, the pleasure, and the singular satisfaction to agree with our Brother DRUMMOND in most of his reasoning in his review of Connecticut's action in this case.

We desire to say a word as to the jurisdiction over Masons resident or sojourning within the territorial limits of a Grand Lodge to which they do not owe allegiance, because they are members of Lodges owing allegiance to another Grand Lodge. For example: if a Brother, a member of a Lodge in Pennsylvania, goes to Maine, to reside or remain for a limited period, or sojourn for a limited time, that Brother is subject to the jurisdiction of the Lodge in Maine that takes cognizance of his violation, while there, of the principles of the Craft, and can be tried for a Masonic offence, and if it is proved, he can be expelled from the Fraternity, if such expulsion is the proper punishment. Such a person so expelled by the Lodge in Maine is no longer a member of the Fraternity, and ceases to be so in Pennsylvania. Such expulsion is recognized elsewhere.

We are gratified to see in Brother DRUMMOND's notice of Pennsylvania, that he pays a just tribute to Past Grand Master LAMBERTON's special report from the Committee on Landmarks, as to the legality of ten or more members of a Lodge requiring the Worshipful Master to convene a special meeting of his Lodge. Such a proceeding would subvert the landmark.

We have been delighted with our most highly esteemed



Brother's notice of us, personally—and Brother MACCALLA, who as usual sits with us as we write, is equally gratified—he smiles all over—at Brother DRUMMOND's successful escape from the mistake as to styles. Brother MACCALLA rather thinks it was not an “unlucky report”—not by any means—why he says, “Brother VAUX, Brother DRUMMOND has made it appear that you can write as eloquently and beautifully and as convincingly as I can—think of that—unlucky, oh, no!”—well, I reply, having exorcised “the savage ferocity” from you, dear Brother, you have gained an eternity of fame in the fact that WE have been glorified by the pen of so distinguished a scholar, and Mason, and critic, as our dear Brother DRUMMOND—that is worth something in these days when merit is so modest that it has to be gained by this process. So be it, we are friends again, Brothers in harmony. Go on with the review.”

We thank Brother DRUMMOND for his kind remarks as to our report for 1879. We do not intend here to re-assert any opinion on the matters to which our attention has been called. We do not wish ever again to join in controversy with our Brother. We hope we will hereafter agree in opinions; but should it be that by any cause this may in any case not be our good fortune, we will continue to be, and willingly so, a pigmy still, though perched on the Alps of Brother DRUMMOND's errors, if so we find any such to be.

We beg our Right Worshipful Brother DRUMMOND to accept our most fraternal salutations of regard and esteem.

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## MARYLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of the Grand Lodge of Maryland at its Annual Communication held at Masonic Temple, Baltimore, November 18, 19 and 20, 1879, Special Communication held January 11, and Semi-Annual Communication held May 11 and 12, 1880.

Most Worshipful Bro. JOHN M. CARTER, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Bro. JACOB H. MEDAIRY, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master made an address, which has reference only to subjects interesting to his own jurisdiction.

At the Annual Communication held November, 1880, the Committee on Correspondence made a brief report. The Committee refers to the fact that the difficulty in Manitoba has been settled, and that harmony prevails within that jurisdiction; it postpones recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales; forbids all intercourse with members of Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec who do not acknowledge the authority and yield obedience to that Grand Lodge; compares the policy of the Grand Orient of France with that of Brazil, and approves that of the latter Grand Orient. This report is from the Committee of Correspondence composed of Worshipful Brothers F. J. S. GORGAS, JOHN W. HORN and JOHN D. SICKLE.

At the Special Communication held January, 1880, the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother JOHN M. CARTER in the Chair, and Right Worshipful Brother JACOB H. MEDAIRY, Grand Secretary, for the purpose of interring, with Masonic Rites, the remains of our deceased Brother Col. NICHOLAS BREWER.

At the Communication held May 11, 1880, the Grand Master presided, and Grand Secretary MEDAIRY, in his station. The Grand Master, in his address, stated that the Committee on Correspondence had nearly completed their report and it would be published with the Proceedings, "if desired." No other subject of general importance is noticed in this address. The report of the Committee on Correspondence is, however, published in these Proceedings. It is from the pen of the Right Worshipful Brother FERDINAND I. S. GORGAS, Chairman. It is a very interesting paper and



does great credit to its author. The notice of Pennsylvania is characterized by those fraternal sentiments we so earnestly seek to make the bond of true Masonic fraternity. Same Grand Officers re-elected.

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## MASSACHUSETTS.

PROCEEDINGS of the Special Communication of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held in the City of Gloucester, on the 11th of September, 1879. Right Worshipful ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, presiding, WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN, "*Special*" Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful TRACY P. CHEEVER, Recording Grand Secretary. The Communication was held to dedicate the Soldiers and Sailors' Monument, erected at Gloucester.

*Also*, Proceedings Special Communication held at New Bedford, October 17, 1879, Most Worshipful CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, Grand Master, presiding, Right Worshipful SERENO D. NICKERSON, *as* Recording Grand Secretary. This Communication was held to constitute Noquochoke Lodge, and to install its officers.

*Also*, The Annual Communication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held in Boston, the 10th of December, 1879, Most Worshipful CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, Grand Master, Right Worshipful TRACY P. CHEEVER, Recording Grand Secretary.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master made his annual report. We observe that he refers to "C. C. Burt," who, he says, advertizes to confer on applicants degrees of the Egyptian Rite, so-called. It is stated that this Burt was expelled from Freemasonry by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey by a unanimous vote. This is the Michigan Burt. The expelled Michigan Burt and his Michigan Rite are now sufficiently known. The Grand Master makes a very favorable report of his jurisdiction, which gives us sincere gratification.

A Special Communication was held on St. John the Evangelist's Day, 1879, to dedicate the Masonic Hall at Waltham, Most Worshipful Grand Master WELCH, presiding, and Right Worshipful Brother TRACY P. CHEEVER, Recording Grand Secretary.

A Stated Communication was held at Boston, December 27, 1879, for the installation of officers and celebration of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, Right Worshipful ABRAM H. HOWLAND, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, Right Worshipful Brother T. P. CHEEVER, Recording Grand Secretary. Past Grand Master EVERETT took the gavel and presided at the installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

There is no report from Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother ALFRED WELCH was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother T. P. CHEEVER Recording Grand Secretary.

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## MICHIGAN.

TRANSACTIONS Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Michigan, at a Special Communication held at Stanton, September 10, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother DANIEL STRIKER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WM. P. INNES, Grand Secretary. The Communication was called to lay the corner-stone of the Mount Calm County Court House. We are struck with the novelty of the printed Proceedings of this Communication. They are to us so unusual, that we venture to thus remark as to them.

TRANSACTIONS of the Thirty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, held at Detroit, January 27, 1880. We find that the recital of the opening paragraph



in these printed Proceedings states the Communication "was called to order." This is, we think, an innovation; to call to order is a phrase used when bodies of the profane meet for business, and as far as we see, it is never used in Communications of the Craft. Most Worshipful Brother DANIEL STRIKER, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. P. INNES, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master is pertinent and well expressed. The reference to the "*Burt case*" and the publication of the record is of course full and complete. We do not consider that there is such a question of Masonic law involved as required so ample an exposition. It is clear on the facts proven by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Michigan that the dimit of Burt belongs to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey, this is the only question worthy of notice as a precedent. We desire to condemn in the most pointed manner the style of the communication of said Burt in his letter of date March 13, 1879.

The action of the Grand Lodge in this Burt case on the report of Right Worshipful Brother JOHN W. CHAMPLAIN, Past Grand Master, we fully endorse. We cannot refrain from saying that this "*Burt case*" is not worth the notice it has received.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of its able Chairman, our esteemed Right Worshipful Brother WM. P. INNES. But we beg our Brother INNES to notice that we use the letters V-A-U-X in our name, not V-A-U-G-H as he gives us. We prefer the ex-x-change of x for g-h. The notice of Pennsylvania is pleasant, and the general summary of the Grand Lodge Proceedings Brother INNES reviews is intelligent and satisfactory.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. MCGATH, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. P. INNES, Grand Secretary and Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

## MINNESOTA.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-seventh Annual Grand Communion, held at St. Paul, January 13, 1880; Most Worshipful Brother H. R. WELLS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother A. T. C. PIERSON, Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Brother WELLS delivered his annual address. He states that their relations with the so-called Grand Lodge of Colon, entered into in 1860, have been interrupted, owing to the disturbed condition of that island, yet he does not feel disposed to relinquish recognition and give it to Cuba. He is not in favor of recognizing the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, as it has not received the recognition of the parent Grand Lodges. In reference to the Grand Lodge of Dakota, he lays the whole subject before the Grand Lodge.

There is a very voluminous report from the Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence, in regard to the relations between Minnesota and Dakota. This report we regret we cannot publish in full. We cannot agree, however, to that line of reasoning which justifies the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in supporting Lodges chartered by itself within the now-territory of the Grand Lodge of Dakota to refuse allegiance to the Grand Lodge within whose jurisdiction they now exist. And this remark applies to so much of this report of our distinguished Brother PIERSON, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, under the title of "Dogma of Exclusive Jurisdiction." We regret exceedingly to differ with our distinguished Brother, and we feel assured that when he more fully considers this interesting and important question of Grand Lodge sovereignty, he will very materially modify his opinions in regard to it. We say reluctantly that we fear our distinguished Brother has so far committed himself on the issue between his own Grand Lodge and that of Dakota, that he has hardly been able dispassionately and philosophically to discuss the Masonic question involved. In his report upon Foreign Correspondence, we think we



see the expression of sound doctrines, even on this question, and we beg to extend to him our fraternal salutations for his kind reference to Pennsylvania.

Most Worshipful Brother HENRY R. WELLS, was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother A. T. C. PIERSON, Grand Secretary.

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## MISSISSIPPI.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Jackson, February 4, 1880 ; Most Worshipful Brother FRANK BURKITT, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother J. L. POWER, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master BURKITT's annual address contains no matter that requires special notice. His Grand Lodge appears to be in a very flourishing condition, as appears from the minutes prepared by the Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is by Right Worshipful Brother J. M. HOWRY, a carefully prepared and very full review of the Grand Lodges. We agree with his remarks upon the election of Grand Masters, under title "New York." In fact, there is much wisdom in his criticism on the Proceedings of the several Grand Lodges, which we would like to copy. We regret to find that he had not the opportunity or the accessories to read the report of Foreign Correspondence of our distinguished Brother, Past Grand Master VINCIL, of Missouri. "A slight dimness of sight, and glasses a little dim, and a poor article of coal oil, and a good deal of cloudy weather," are the reasons our distinguished Brother HOWRY gives for not going over the "183 pages of very fine print" of Brother VINCIL. We think it would have paid for reserving the reading to a clear day. It is a shame, because of these excuses, that Brother HOWRY should thus write "we turn him [Brother VINCIL] over to the tender mercies of Judge DRUMMOND, Dr. MORRIS,

and Past Grand Master ROBBINS, who sometimes have slight spells of *cacæthes scribendi*." Brother MACCALLA looks up, as we write, and with a marked twinkle in his eye, points us to that part of the litany of his Church, which says, "Good Lord, deliver us"—which we take up and send to Brother VINCIL, with our salutations. We hope these three distinguished Brethren will not all jump on us at once.

We thank our Brother cordially for his notice of Pennsylvania. In referring to our correspondence with Brother DRUMMOND, and Brother DRUMMOND's reply, he says, "when Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug of war." Why the comparison of Greek should have been chosen, we have taken some time to consider, but after full reflection, our Brother must have thought it was the F. C. degree we were working in, Brother DRUMMOND and ourselves, and his classic reading at once suggested the "pass" at Thermopylæ; but still, that won't do, for it was not an internecine *Greek* contest, and we don't propose to say who was Ephialtes and who was Leonidas. Our Brother could not have referred to Alcibiades and Miltiades, for although they were Greeks, they never fought together. We think we shall have to leave it to our distinguished Brother to tell us why he selected that quotation. It is so foreign to Masonic classic mythology, that we would have supposed he would have preferred to draw his analogy from some scene in the attempt to make the "pass" at the river Jordan.

We hardly "made a tilt at Brother SIMONS of New York," we love him too dearly; and as for "apprehensions of bloodshed," well does our distinguished Brother HOWRY say there are none on this account. We beg our Right Worshipful Brother HOWRY to accept our earnest and sincere fraternal salutations, and hope he may long continue to delight his Brethren of Masonic Correspondence with his agreeable and excellent reports.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM FRENCH, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother J. L. POWER, Grand Secretary.



## MISSOURI.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixtieth Annual Grand Communication held at Freemason's Hall, St. Louis, October, 12, 1880, Most Worshipful Brother JOSEPH S. BROWN, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Past Grand Master JOHN D. VINCIL, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is a plain, practical, business paper.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, Brother JOHN D. VINCIL. In the course of our review of other jurisdictions, we have referred to Brother VINCIL. We take occasion here and now to express for him the highest Masonic respect and esteem. We regard all that comes from his Masonic pen as worthy of the most positive Masonic recognition. This is attested by our remarks under the head "Dakota," for it is on the authority of his notice of "Dakota" in his special report made to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, on Oct. 14, 1880, that we have acknowledged that Grand Lodge. But we are reviewing his annual report as Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, and we unhesitatingly say, that no report from any Chairman of Correspondence from any of our sister Grand Lodges surpasses it for care and ability. His reference to Pennsylvania is gratifying, and we conclude the review of the proceedings of his Grand Lodge with the sincerely expressed hope that he may remain a great light in the Craft, and honor the Masonic jurisdiction which he so faithfully represents. We conclude by quoting in full so much from the special report of Brother VINCIL as relates to Dakota, to which we have already referred :

## " DAKOTA.

"This young Grand Lodge was organized out of a part of the Chartered Lodges in that Territory. Some Lodges chose to remain in obedience to the Mother Grand Lodge—

Minnesota. Dakota desired Minnesota to *transfer* the non-concurring Lodges to her. This Minnesota declined to do. Then there followed a lengthy correspondence, attended with some feeling not necessary to the settlement of vexed questions. It is with pleasure, however, that the announcement is made of a happy and satisfactory settlement of the issues involved. It is proper to record the fact that the settlement was brought about by the Lodges changing their allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota to that of Dakota. The information is just received (October 1) that at the late session of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, the last of the dissenting Lodges, Bismark, No. 120, gave in its adhesion and prayed for admission among the constituent Lodges of said Grand Lodge. Of course the Lodge was accepted, and there was rejoicing at the result which makes Masonry a unit, and places all Brethren in Dakota in full accord. Would that the same result were secured elsewhere."

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## MONTANA.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication held at Helena, May 3, 1879, to lay the Corner-stone of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN STEDMAN, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fifteenth Annual Grand Communication held at the City of Butte, October 7, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother JOHN STEDMAN, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master delivered his annual address. It is an admirable paper, and we wish we could quote it *in extenso*. One phrase we must take out, "It has been well said there are too many Masons, and too little Masonry." We think that remark may be endorsed in more jurisdictions than the Most Worshipful jurisdiction of Nevada. We cannot fail to express our admiration for the address of our Most Worshipful Brother.



The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES. The report does infinite credit to our distinguished Brother. We wish it was far more voluminous, for our Brother writes with great exactness, culture and force.

Most Worshipful Brother HIRAM KNOWLES, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES, Grand Secretary.

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### NEBRASKA.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-third Annual Grand Communication, held at Omaha, June 22, 1880; Most Worshipful Brother ROLAND H. OAKLEY, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is valuable and creditable to the manner he has discharged his duties. We have nothing in it specially to notice.

The oration of the Grand Orator, Worshipful Brother HENRY S. KALEY contains nothing that requires other than general commendation.

Worshipful Brother WARREN submitted a report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We disagree with our distinguished Brother in his remarks concerning the dispute between the Grand Lodges of Dakota and Minnesota. We think he will live to see that the American doctrine must be sustained.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES A. TULLEYS, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM R. BOWEN, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

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### NEVADA.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Grand Communication, held October 4, 1879, at Reno; Past Grand Master Brother HENRY L.

FISH, as Special Deputy of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East, and Very Worshipful Brother PARK PARRISH, appointed acting Grand Secretary. The object of the Communication was to lay the cornerstone of a "*New Reno School Building.*" The placing of the adjective *new*, leaves us in doubt as to whether Reno was "new," or the School building.

PROCEEDINGS of the Sixteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at City of Virginia, June 8, 1880 ; Most Worshipful Brother DEWITT C. MCKENNEY, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. HAMMOND, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master MCKENNEY delivered his annual address. He states in his address that a man residing in the jurisdiction of one of their Lodges "was rejected for the degrees." He went to England, received the degrees, and returned to his place of residence within a year after his rejection. The Lodge that rejected him refused to receive him as a visitor, and the Grand Master states that it is desirable that the Grand Lodge should settle his status. The Grand Lodge referred the subject to a special committee, to inquire into the facts. The Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, as "a regularly formed Body, and the supreme Masonic authority in the territory of New Mexico." A Brother who was a resident within that jurisdiction, went to Illinois, and was there made a Master Mason in less than three months by a Lodge under the jurisdiction of Illinois. A man who accompanied him obtained like degrees, he having lost the second and third fingers of the right hand. The Grand Lodge of Nevada affirmed by a resolution that "men to be made Masons must be freeborn, of mature age, of good report, hale and sound, perfect in their members, so far as to be able to perform all Masonic labor." On the statement of the facts in this case as we read them, there can be no question that the Lodge in Illinois that initiated this maimed man violated the Landmarks of the Craft.



The address of the Grand Master is replete with sound admonitions to the Craft.

We now take up the report of the Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence—Right Worshipful Brother R. H. TAYLOR. Brother TAYLOR quotes at large the report of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master LAMBERTON, Chairman of the Committee on Landmarks, as to the right of ten members to require a Master to call his Lodge together. We thank our Brother for his extracts from our report.

Most Worshipful Brother DEWITT C. McKENNEY, was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. HAMMOND, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## NEW BRUNSWICK.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, City of St. John, April 27, 1880 ; Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT MARSHALL, Grand Master ; Very Worshipful Brother W. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is interesting, and those questions which refer to Foreign Correspondence, he says will be treated by the Committee. There is no report from that Committee.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PROCEEDINGS of Semi-Annual Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Manchester, December 30, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother SOLON A. CARTER, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Secretary.

This Semi-Annual Communication was held for the exemplification of the work in the three degrees of Masonry.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form closed, and opened an E. A. Lodge, when a candidate, who was duly elected to receive the degree, was "brought forward and made a Mason in due and ancient form."

THE Ninety-first Annual Grand Communication, was held at the Masonic Temple, City of Concord, May 19, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother SOLON A. CARTER, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we quote at length, as we consider the subject of sufficient interest to warrant it:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Hampshire:*

"The Committee on Jurisprudence have considered the case of Brother AARON CLEWORTH, and submit the following report:

"This case has been referred to us by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in consequence of a communication to him from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Massachusetts, asking, in substance, that Brother CLEWORTH may be healed under the authority of this Grand Body.

"It appears from the mass of papers and testimony before us, that Brother CLEWORTH was born in Great Britain, in 1831. He came to Lowell, Massachusetts, in about 1857. He removed with his family to Manchester, New Hampshire, about 1867. While living in Manchester he made due application to Lafayette Lodge, No. 41, and was rejected. Sometime after this he removed with his family to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and made his home there.

"In October, 1875, he made due application to Aurora Lodge, stating that he had before made application to Lafayette Lodge, No. 41, and had been rejected. The Worshipful Master of Aurora Lodge refused to receive it because it was not accompanied with the recommendation of the officers and some of the members of Lafayette Lodge, and for that reason the petition was returned to Brother CLEWORTH, by one of the leading members of the Lodge, who had his case in charge. Brother CLEWORTH was at first informed that he could not be received without the written recommendation of the officers and some of the members of



Lafayette Lodge. He was directed by those of the Lodge upon whom he supposed he could rely to go to Manchester and get such a recommendation. He went there two or three times for that purpose without success. The officers of Lafayette Lodge refused to sign. He was finally told by the Brother who had his case in charge, that he would write to the officers of Lafayette Lodge, and that he could get an answer from them if others could not, and would see that the matter was properly attended to. In December, 1875, a similar petition was presented by the same Brother who had charge of his case upon the prior one. The Brethren of Aurora Lodge have a recollection that they acted upon information contained in a letter from Manchester, but the letter is lost, and neither the contents of the letter, nor the name of the writer can now be recalled. It appears to us that the letter was probably no more than a recommendation from some friend or Brother in Manchester. Brother CLEWORTH's case was sent to a Committee, one of whom has since been Worshipful Master of Aurora Lodge. The Committee reported favorably, and he was made a Mason, February 21, 1876, without the consent of Lafayette Lodge, and when it was known to the leading members of Aurora Lodge that the officers of Lafayette Lodge had refused to sign the recommendatory papers sent them from Aurora Lodge for that purpose. Brother CLEWORTH had no knowledge of the recommendation until after the report of a ballot in his favor, and then only that a very strong recommendation had been sent from Manchester, and he understood that whatever the requisite consent was, had been obtained.

"The records of Lafayette Lodge show no such consent, and its officers declare that none was given, in any form, and that no consent of the Lodge as such was ever asked, and that no letters which Brother CLEWORTH had been told would be sent, or had been sent, were ever received, either from the Secretary or any officer or member of Aurora Lodge, or any letters from any one else about the matter, until some time after Brother CLEWORTH had received his degrees in Aurora Lodge, and we have no doubt that the fact is as they state.

"It is conceded that Brother CLEWORTH is a worthy man, that he has acted in good faith, and is no wise in fault.

"It is a fundamental law in Freemasonry, as unchanging and as unchangeable as the law of the Medes and Persians, that one Master shall not supplant another in his work.



This principle is universal. State lines and Grand Lodge jurisdictions have no effect upon it.

"The officers and fraters of Aurora Lodge knew this, for they deliberately acted upon it in October, 1875, in this very case. They had not forgotten it two months later. They knew this fundamental law had not been blotted out in that time. They knew that Aurora had no right to supplant Lafayette in their work, but they did it—committed a Masonic crime—with their eyes wide open. Why they did it, is more than we can tell. But the Lodge, as now constituted, are apparently anxious and willing to do whatever is in their power to repair the wrong.

"The criminal conduct of that Lodge cannot affect the *status* of Brother CLEWORTH. The innocent are not to be punished for the sins of the guilty. Under the long established rule in this jurisdiction, there is no occasion for 'healing,' for the *status* of Brother CLEWORTH is that of every other Mason in good and regular standing. 'Healing' could add nothing to this.

"The truth seems to be that Lafayette Lodge have made this a test case. The officers and many of the members of that Lodge feel deeply aggrieved at the action of certain Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

"The complaint is, that in repeated instances these Lodges have treated the jurisdiction of Lafayette Lodge and this Grand Body precisely as if they had no existence; that when rejected here, men go at once across the border; that the degrees are conferred without consent, with full knowledge of the facts, and generally without any attempt to get consent; and that forthwith the new-fledged Mason returns and demands that the doors of the Lodge which rejected him, be opened to him. And some apparently flagrant cases were brought to our attention, which seemed to us to require the careful consideration of the authorities in this jurisdiction.

"Whether in some instances the act has not been condoned, as it were, by the aggrieved Lodge, is another and a distinct question.

"Much as we may desire to do so, we cannot give Brother CLEWORTH the relief which he most desires.

"JOHN M. SHIRLEY,

"NATHANIEL W. CUMNER,

"HENRY E. BURNHAM,

"Committee."

The above report was accepted.



The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Right Worshipful Brother A. S. WAIT, and is an exceedingly clever paper. In Brother WAIT's notice of Pennsylvania, we fear that he has mistaken our review of his reference to Pennsylvania in his previous report as emanating from a spirit of censure, rather than as a desire to criticise. Our highly esteemed Brother really misunderstands us, we are inclined to think, from the tone of his notice of Pennsylvania. Having made this remark, we leave all reference to Cuba as belonging to the past. We are not yet satisfied, however, that we have reached the ability to grasp the broad question involved in the so-called union of the Grand Lodges of Cuba and Colon. We are not authoritatively informed how this union has been obtained. Simply that these two bodies have formed one, is no evidence that the principles of Masonic Jurisprudence have authorized or sanctioned that union. As our distinguished and esteemed Brother WAIT does not sanction or endorse this union, but only notices the fact with satisfaction, we are not prepared to express any opinion on the subject. We are glad our Brother approves of leaving blank the names of Lodges and Brethren who are subject of reports of our Grand Lodge. The answer to the other question will be found under the head of New York. We beg to extend to our Right Worshipful Brother the assurance of our profound personal and fraternal regard.

Most Worshipful Brother ANDREW BURTON was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE P. CLEAVES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## NEW JERSEY.

PROCEEDINGS of Ninety-third Annual Grand Communication, held at Trenton, January 21-22, 1880; Most Worshipful Brother HAMILTON WALLIS, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH H. HOUGH, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master WALLIS's address is up to the standard of such productions from our sister Grand Lodge. He refers to the dispute between Scotland and Quebec and to the Grand Lodge of Cuba and Colon, so-called. It is a conservative and truly Masonic paper.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Quebec and Scotland thought it was too weighty a matter to suddenly report on, and so postponed it.

The pamphlet before us is voluminous, and shows the industry and care of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Worshipful Brother JAMES A. NORTON, for the Committee. In reference to Pennsylvania, Brother NORTON quotes at large from the address of Grand Master NISBET, and notes the fact that Past Grand Master Brother MARSHALL B. SMITH, of New Jersey, was present and made a brief address. In the notice of Pennsylvania he says he "wants to undeceive us as to his intention to try and discover a trace of the godfathers and godmothers in Freemasonry, in any locality, or at any time." He has successfully. His report is a very able paper, and we congratulate our neighbor across the river on the ability and thoroughness with which he has performed his duties. The report is a credit to New Jersey, and to our distinguished Brother NORTON.

Most Worshipful Brother HAMILTON WALLIS, was re-elected Grand Master, and our esteemed and Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH H. HOUGH, Grand Secretary.

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## NEW YORK.

TRANSACTIONS of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York at its Annual Grand Communication, held at the Masonic Temple, New York City, June 1, 1880; Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES ROOME, Grand Master; Right



Worshipful Brother JAMES M. AUSTIN, M.D., Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Grand Master ROOME's annual address refers to "State of the Craft;" "Proposed Amendments;" "Official Visits;" "Officials Acts;" "New Lodges;" "Representatives;" "Board of Relief;" "General Relations;" "The Grand Lodge of Connecticut;" "Cataract Lodges;" "Committees;" "The Ritual;" "Our Centennial;" "The Hall and Asylum;" "The Fraternal Dead;" "Thanks;" "Finally." We give these captions to indicate that possibly, with one exception, the subjects relate to the especial jurisdiction of New York. Under the head "Several Relations" and "The Grand Lodge of Connecticut," he enters a domain dedicated to Masonic opinions that is of common interest to the Craft everywhere.

On the subject of Scotland and Quebec, Grand Master ROOME follows the conservative lead of Pennsylvania. On the subject of the Webotuck question, in which there is a difference between the Grand Lodges of New York and Connecticut, Grand Master ROOME goes very fully into the cause of controversy. We have already under "CONNECTICUT," given the views that the facts of this case have suggested to our minds, and we have only now to say that so much of Grand Master ROOME's address as is contained in the three propositions in which are formulated his views at large, meets our approval as Masonic law.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania near the Grand Lodge of New York, Brother CADWALADER D. EVANS, died in New York City, just two days before his 33d birthday. He was a zealous, intelligent, earnest Mason, and faithfully performed his representative duties towards the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Master appointed a Special Committee on the "Connecticut Affair," referred to in his address. This Committee consisted of Past Grand Masters SIMONS, JUDSON and COUCH, and Right Worshipful Brothers WOODRUFF and LAWRENCE. This Special Committee made a report. The

first resolution attached to the report affirms the Pennsylvania doctrine of the absolute sovereignty of Grand Lodges. The second approves the action of the Grand Master in suspending intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. The third interdicts all intercourse between Masons of New York and Connecticut. The last indicates a mode by which a compromise might be reached.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our beloved Brother, Past Grand Master SIMONS. It is less elaborate than usual, which we beg to say, parenthetically, is no detriment to it. We think Brother SIMONS's power of condensation ranks among his many great powers. His services to the Craft are recognized everywhere, and none the least, or less effective, are those from his Masonic pen. We think he is coming up very fast to that standard in Masonic jurisprudence which we of Pennsylvania have so long sought to establish, and so earnestly desire to maintain. Whenever there is a question which trenches on the very foundations of Freemasonry, which Pennsylvania from time to time has attempted to elucidate, we have always with anxiety turned to Most Worshipful Past Grand Master SIMONS for Masonic aid and fraternal support. And will our Brethren of the Craft everywhere permit us just here to remark, that in Brothers SIMONS and DRUMMOND, MORRIS and PARVIN, VINCIL and ROBBINS, the Craft can rely for a lamp to their feet and a light to their path, in the esoteric mysteries of Freemasonry.

Our Right Worshipful Brother asks us why Pennsylvania styles her Grand Master "*Right* Worshipful," while the other Grand Lodges use the term "Most Worshipful." Will our Brother allow us this opportunity to answer the question without a strict reference to either etymological or philological exactness? Will our Brother feel unkindly at our reply? We hope not. We think this is a good occasion to suggest, only suggest, simply this and nothing more, that Pennsylvania is always "*Right*."

Past Grand Master SIMONS fraternally notices Pennsylvania, for which we beg to tender him our personal thanks.



## NORTH CAROLINA.

PROCEEDINGS of the Ninety-third Annual Grand Communication, held at Raleigh, December 2, 1879; Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM R. COX, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother DONALD W. BAIN, Grand Secretary.

The address of Most Worshipful Brother Cox, is a practical, terse and intelligent exposition of the condition of the Craft in his jurisdiction.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from Right Worshipful Brother R. T. GRAY. It is highly creditable to Brother GRAY, and we think it took a great deal more than a half an hour. Time with our Brother is of no importance, for his Masonic pen is the only "toilet" he needs. His notice of Pennsylvania is entitled to our acknowledgments.

The same Grand Officers were re-elected.

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NOVA SCOTIA.

AN Emergent Grand Communication was held at Halifax, July 17, 1878, Most Worshipful Brother, JOHN W. LAURIE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful BENJ. CURREN, Grand Secretary. It was held for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the High School Building in the City of Halifax.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fourteenth Annual Grand Communication, held at Halifax, June 4, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. LAURIE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother BENJ. CURREN, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master contains nothing that requires special notice.

The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is by Worshipful Brother A. H. CROWE. It seems, from the opening line of the conclusion of the report, "in closing this report, I have *again* to apologize for not having performed

any portion of the labor of preparing it." We deeply regret to see the cause assigned is Brother CROWE's ill health. Brothers the "Rev. D. C. MOORE and the Rev. RICHARD WAINWRIGHT, have had nearly all the work to do," Brother CROWE remarks. He gives them the credit, and we acknowledge the obligations we are under to them for their by no means uninteresting report. They quote our Grand Master NISBET's installation address with approval. We thank these esteemed Brethren for their reference to Pennsylvania.

The same Grand Officers were re-elected.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fifteenth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, the 2d of June, 1880. Most Worshipful JOHN W. LAURIE, Grand Master, in the Chair; Right Worshipful BENJ. CURRAN, Grand Secretary.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master made his annual and also a supplemental address to the Grand Lodge. The latter has special reference to a question of the law of that jurisdiction, and the former touches on no subject of general interest.

We notice a report from a Grand Lodge Committee on the incorporation of Subordinate Lodges, and rejecting the idea that the incorporation by the law of the land, of Lodges of Freemasons is to be favored. We heartily commend the principles of this report. It is un-Masonic in every sense, violative of the safety, security and independence of the Craft to permit Lodges to hold their authority or exercise any Masonic function except by, on, and through the sovereign power of the Grand Lodge. We desire to express our thanks to Rev. Brother WILLIAM F. MACCOY, Chairman of this Special Committee, for his clear exposition of the true Masonic doctrine on this subject.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by its Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother ALLAN H. CROWE. The report is a brief notice of the Proceedings of



Grand Lodges named, and kindly notices Pennsylvania, quoting "from the Report of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, that the Craft in the Quaker State is in a flourishing condition."

Most Worshipful ALLEN H. CROWE was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful BENJ. CURREN, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## OHIO.

PROCEEDINGS of the Seventieth Annual Grand Communication held at Cincinnati, October 21, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother WM. M. CUNNINGHAM, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Brother CUNNINGHAM communicated in writing and read a statement of his official acts while the Grand Lodge was in recess. Among them we find ninety-six dispensations for election and installation of officers during the year. The Grand Master further states that an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Wooster, Wayne County, to attend the funeral of Past Grand Master, Brother GEORGE REX. A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Circleville, June 24, for the purpose of dedicating a Masonic Temple in that place.

There was a Report on the subject of Foreign Correspondence, the Chairman of the Committee not being present at the Grand Lodge.

The volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, contains, index included, together with lists of re-instated, deceased, and suspended members, and the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and an abstract of the work of the Grand Lodge at these several Communications, 112 pages. We were about to make some comment on this, remembering as we do, the pages in the report of the Proceedings of that Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in

other days. But, no. This we will say, that the likeness of our esteemed and distinguished Brother JOHN D. CALDWELL, in the frontispiece of the pamphlet before us, fully compensates for all the missing pages in these Proceedings. We beg to extend to him our warmest and most fraternal salutations.

Most Worshipful Brother REUBEN C. LEMMON was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN D. CALDWELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

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## OREGON.

PROCEEDINGS of the Thirtieth Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Oregon, held at Portland, on the 14th of June, 1880. Most Worshipful R. P. EARHART, Grand Master, in the Chair ; Right Worshipful J. W. PRATT, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address relates almost exclusively to domestic topics.

Right Worshipful Brother S. F. CHADWICK, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a special report on the Communications from the United Grand Lodges of Colon and Cuba, and the report concludes with a recommendation that the Grand Lodge of Oregon "welcome the United Grand Lodges of Colon and the Island of Cuba to the great family of regular Grand Lodges of Masons."

The Special Report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence is a very interesting paper.

We welcome the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as a most able and interesting contribution to Masonic jurisprudence. Most Worshipful Brother S. F. CHADWICK, the Chairman of the Committee, has devoted great attention to the preparation of the report. It is in *vain* that we try to WRITE our name so as to be *read*, when our distinguished Brother CHADWICK spells it V-A-N-Y. We



will be v.a.i.n.e.r, when away out in Oregon our Brother uses these letters to give the Oregon Craft, or those who care to know, that we spell it V-A-U-X.

So too the name of our Grand Master is under the same eclipse, for our Brother CHADWICK uses the letters N-E-S-B-I-T, to express the name of our Grand Master, but in time he will find that it is N-I-S-B-E-T.

But these are small matters truly, and we would not refer to them, only that we have the highest authority for saying, the "*letter killeth.*"

We hope to become better acquainted with our distinguished and highly esteemed Brother CHADWICK, and unless we are, all our hopes are vain, or full of veins—or in vain, this hope we shall hold dear till it is realized.

Most Worshipful Brother ROCKEY P. EARHART, was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother F. J. BABCOCK, was elected Grand Secretary.

## PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Semi-Annual Grand Communication, held at Summerside, December 17, 1879; Most Worshipful Brother JOHN YEO, Grand Master; Right Worshipful GEO. W. WAKEFORD, Grand Secretary.

This pamphlet also contains the minutes of the Board of General Purposes, held March 31, 1880, and June 24, 1880.

PROCEEDINGS of Fifth Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Charlottetown, June 24, 1880; Most Worshipful Brother JOHN YEO, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother GEO. W. WAKEFORD, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address notices the receipt of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1879.

There is no report from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

The same Grand Officers were re-elected.

## \* QUEBEC.

PROCEEDINGS of Eleventh Annual Grand Communication, held at Montreal, September 22, 1880; Most Worshipful Brother JOHN L. GRAHAM, LL.D., Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. ISAACSON, Grand Secretary.

There were twenty-five Grand Representatives present.

The Grand Master delivered his address, which is a vigorous and succinct statement. He is gratified that Cuba and Colon have adjusted their differences; cannot recommend the recognition of New South Wales; thinks there ought to be an effort made to collect historical information concerning Freemasonry in Quebec from the earliest period; refers to the wondrous progress of Freemasonry in the United States of America; notices the American doctrine of the supreme sovereignty of Grand Lodges, and refers to Quebec's difficulty with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It is a very able paper; we regret exceedingly that we cannot copy most of this address, especially that part referring to foreign jurisdictions.

There was a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge held June 8, 1880, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Stewart Memorial Church in the town of Freligsburg. Same Grand Officers. The ritual was ornate and beautiful. We very much regret that there is no report from a Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

The same Grand Officers were re-elected.

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## RHODE ISLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of the Semi-Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of "Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," assembled at Masonic Hall, Providence, November 17, 1879. "Present, Most Worshipful Brother EDWARD L. FREEMAN, Grand Master, and other officers and members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge."



Right Worshipful Brother EDWIN BAKER, Grand Secretary made his semi-annual report.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Grand Communication, held in Ionic Hall, Providence, May 12, 1880; Most Worshipful Grand Master FREEMAN, presiding, and Right Worshipful Brother EDWIN BAKER, Grand Secretary. This Communication was held to constitute Orpheus Lodge, No. 36.

PROCEEDINGS of the Ninetieth Annual Grand Communication, held in Masons' Hall, Providence, May 17, 1880; Grand Master FREEMAN, in the Grand East.

The Rev. and Worshipful Brother HENRY W. RUGG, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a special report. He congratulates the Craft in Cuba and Manitoba on the settlement of the differences in those jurisdictions. The invasion of the jurisdiction of Quebec by Scotland is disapproved and the hope expressed that it will be terminated, at an early day. The notice of the clandestine character of the thing called the "Grand Orient of Louisiana," which we last year denounced, is just and appropriate, as is also the reference to the latest novelty in France, called "Grand Lodge Symbolique Independente."

There is no general report from the Committee.

Most Worshipful Brother EDWARD L. FREEMAN, was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother EDWIN BAKER, Grand Secretary.

The pamphlet has for a frontispiece a likeness of Brother THOMAS S. WEBB, which is of value for many reasons.

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## SCOTLAND.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Grand Communication, held at Edinburgh, November 6, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother Sir MICHAEL R. SHAW-STEWART, Bart., on the throne; Right Worshipful Brother D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary.

We regret to observe the following minute in the Proceedings: "That a qualified recognition be given to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia."

The meeting of the Grand Committee was held on November 27, 1879. Among the proceedings we find the following: "It was resolved to recommend to Grand Lodge to grant a charter to the Lodge Wellesley, Wellington, New South Wales." It is interesting to observe that "Brother NISBET gave notice that at next meeting of Grand Committee, he would ask Grand Secretary if it was constitutional for Lodges to meet for Masonic purposes in halls that had not been duly consecrated."

THE Annual Grand Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, December 1, 1879, to install the Grand Officers, who were installed accordingly.

PROCEEDINGS of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Pamphlet consisting of the officers of the Grand Lodge. Grand Officers: Sir MICHAEL R. SHAW-STEWART, Bart., Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason; the Right Honorable the Earl of ROSSLYN, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master; the Right Honorable the Earl of MAR and KELLIE, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master; Col. Sir ARCHIBALD C. CAMPBELL, Right Worshipful Substitute Grand Master; D. MURRAY LYON, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, February 5, 1880. Most Worshipful Brother Sir MICHAEL R. SHAW-STEWART, Bart., on the throne; Right Worshipful Brother D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary. Brother WILLIAM OFFICER, S. S. C., Grand Representative from Egypt and Pennsylvania, was present.

The Proceedings of the meeting of the Grand Committee were read.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Communication held May 6, 1880. Same Grand Officers. The Grand Representative of



Pennsylvania was present. The proceedings of the Grand Committee were read. Notice of the death of Brother GUISEPPE MAZZONI, Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy, was tabled.

PROCEEDINGS of Quarterly Grand Communication held at Edinburgh, August 5, 1880. Same Grand Officers.

A meeting of the Grand Committee was held September 30, 1880; also October 27, 1880. Under the latter date we notice the following proceedings:

“MONTREAL.—The Committee had under consideration—  
1. Letter from Brother WILLIAM MACLEAN, resigning the Proxy District Grand Mastership of Montreal. 2. Communications from Brother WILLIAM ROSS, Substitute District Grand Master of Montreal. The Committee finding that Brother Dr. GEORGE BAYNES, District Grand Master, has been a party to an arrangement under which the Scottish holding Lodges are asked to resign their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland and to come under the Grand Lodge of Quebec, recommend to Grand Lodge to recall and cancel the commission constituting the said Brother BAYNES District Grand Master of Montreal, and to suspend the operations of the District Grand Lodge of that Province. Further, that Brother MACLEAN's resignation be accepted. The report was approved.

It will be noticed that these proceedings of the Grand Committee end the difficulty between Scotland and Quebec, awaiting only the confirmation of the Grand Lodge itself. We have received Masonic information, though not official, that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Masonic Hall, Edinburgh, on November 4, 1880, recalled and canceled Brother BAYNE's commission, as District Grand Master of Montreal, and suspended the operations of said District Grand Lodge. This action most happily concludes the Scotland-Quebec difficulty. There are now no Lodges in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec yielding obedience to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Grand Committee recommended to Grand Lodge the re-election of the same Grand Officers.

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### SOUTH CAROLINA.

PROCEEDINGS of One Hundred and Third Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, city of Charleston, December 9, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother AUGUSTINE C. SMYTHE, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHAS. INGLESBY, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address refers to "the revolt against all Masonic duty in the jurisdiction of Manitoba, and revoked the appointment of its representative near that Grand Lodge;" refers to the difficulty between Scotland and Quebec; and cannot recommend any change of action with reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was made by Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, Grand Secretary, Chairman. Brother INGLESBY goes into the performance of his duty in the true spirit and to the sentiments he expresses in his "conclusion," we desire to affix our approval. His notice of Pennsylvania is full and fraternal. The report contains what we think Brother INGLESBY properly describes, when he says, "we have sought to make it a living history of the current events in other jurisdictions."

The same Grand Officers were re-elected.

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### TENNESSEE.

PROCEEDINGS of Sixty-sixth Annual Grand Communication, held at Nashville, November 10, 1879, Most Wor-



shipful Brother GEO. C. CONNER, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN FRIZZELL, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address, after mentioning the deaths of several of his Brethren, refers to the difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and the Grand Lodge of Kentucky on the Tolliver matter. He refuses to receive the representative from the so-called Grand Orient of Spain, because, he says: "I could not recognize as the equal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Tennessee a so-called 'Grand Symbolic Lodge,' which is but a creature of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite, and has not even the power of choosing its own ruling officers, and is not of such origin as this Grand Lodge can recognize as legitimate."

We venture, most respectfully, cordially to endorse this opinion.

The Grand Master also refers to the difficulty between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec.

We cannot, in justice to our own feelings, fail to mark our gratification at reading this able address of Most Worshipful Grand Master CONNER.

So much of the Grand Master's address, and of the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge, as referred to the question of Masonic rights of Tennessee, in the Tolliver matter, we have already noticed under the head of Kentucky. We are glad to find that the Grand Lodge of Tennessee has appointed a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and we beg to extend our most fraternal salutations to Most Worshipful Brother GEO. S. BLACKIE, for his interesting report. We hope he will long continue in this position, and we hope that he will learn more of Pennsylvania Masonry, and favor the Craft with a more close review of questions of Masonic jurisprudence.

Most Worshipful Brother WILBUR F. FOSTER, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN FRIZZELL, Grand Secretary.

## TEXAS.

PROCEEDINGS of Forty-fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Temple, Houston, December 11, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother JOHN B. JONES, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother G. H. BRINGHURST, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is very full, and relates, necessarily, to questions important to his jurisdiction.

The Grand Master refers to a difficulty between the Grand Lodges of Texas and Louisiana, arising from the fact that a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana conferred the second degree upon a citizen of Texas. The Grand Master says he has brought the subject to the attention of Most Worshipful Brother EDWIN MARKS, Grand Master of Louisiana, who on November 7th ult., wrote to the Grand Master of Texas that the Lodge complained against "failing to justify their irregular action, I have ordered the arrest of their charter and consequent suspension of their work. We too highly appreciate our own sovereign rights as a Grand Lodge to permit unwarranted trespassing upon the rights of others."

We note this, and regard it as the most proper action on the part of our Most Worshipful Sister Grand Lodge of Louisiana. It is an earnest of that true interpretation which is so necessary for the safety, security and sovereignty of Grand Lodges, the interpretation of the elemental principles which should regulate the relations of Grand Lodges to each other.

ON December 12th, 1879, the Grand Lodge elected Grand Officers, whereupon Most Worshipful Brother E. G. BOWER, was elected Grand Master, and Brother G. H. BRINGHURST, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

AT the Communication of the Grand Lodge, held on December 15, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother E. G. BOWER, Grand Master, having been installed, presided.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our distinguished and esteemed Brother



J. H. McLEARY. This distinguished Brother has given most marked attention, not only to his duties, but has evinced a supreme interest in many questions relating to Freemasonry. We wish particularly to allude to the great interest he has taken in Masonic charities. His report under review is exhaustive, able and thorough, and is comprised in 156 pages. His notice of Pennsylvania is very delightful. We shall pay a visit to San Antonio river, in order the better to understand how our style "does run." The criticism of our distinguished Brother on "legal" and "lawful" as applied to law generally may be all true, and Webster and Worcester may be good authority as to the general use of the terms "legal" and "lawful" as synonymous. There is nothing, as we understand it, in common between the law of Masonry and the law of the profane. Masonry is a law unto itself, and in all definitions of Masonic terms we have never known that Webster and Worcester were authorities. It may be Brother MACKEY has not made the distinction, but that distinguished Brother, much as we honor and respect him, has not acquired all the learning in Freemasonry, and besides, the occasion may never have arisen for his investigation of the subject. Freemasonry does not recognize the laws of the profane. Those laws contain no rules of action for their conduct as Freemasons. As citizens, Freemasons must obey the law of the land. Certainly. But Freemasons as such are not regulated by, nor do they invoke, the law of the profane. Freemasons have a law of their own, filled with duties and obligations, and they are lawfully bound by them. Therefore, what is lawful in Freemasonry is one thing; what is legal, as governing their actions as citizens is another.

We take leave of this report with sincere regret, and we beg our Brother to accept our congratulations at the ability which marks its pages.

The same Grand Officers were re-elected.

## UTAH.

PROCEEDINGS of Eighth Annual Grand Communication, held at Masonic Hall, Salt Lake City, November 11, 1879. Here is another Grand Lodge "called to order," this time by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master TILFORD, who presided. Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary. The Proceedings contain this minute: "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master having been informed that all the Lodges were represented, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was opened in '*ample form.*'" We never knew before that a Deputy Grand Master could open a Grand Lodge in *ample* form.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother THOMAS EDWARD CLOHECY, being absent, sent his address, which was read by Most Worshipful Brother JOHN SHAW SCOTT. There is nothing in this address which requires special notice.

It seems from the minutes of this Grand Lodge that they tried a Brother for being a Mormon, and the Grand Lodge expelled him. We read the report of the Committee of Grievance and Appeals in this case. We do not intend to discuss this question, as it is one exclusively pertaining to the social condition of the people of Utah; nor are we prepared to endorse the reasoning of the Committee in some of its views; but this much must suffice.

The Grand Lodge had an animated discussion over the difficulty between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland, and lengthy reports were submitted by the respective Grand Representatives of these jurisdictions. The Grand Lodge finally condemned Scotland for its difficulty with Quebec, and trusted to mediation to settle it.

The Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary, for the Committee. It is a very satisfactory review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges, and is highly creditable to our distinguished Brother.

Brother DIEHL, in his conclusion, refers to his work as



laborious, and adds, he has passed many pleasant and profitable hours at it, "because it has brought us into intercourse with the most learned and experienced Craftsmen in the whole land." We trust that our highly esteemed Brother will excuse us for what we desire here to call a playful criticism, for it comes from no other motive. He speaks of the "vineyard of Freemasonry" in one paragraph of his closing remarks, and in the next paragraph he refers to the "Masonic sea." These symbols are used by him to characterize the Grand Lodge jurisdictions whose Proceedings he has reviewed. We think that a "vineyard" and a "sea" are hardly alike applicable. Possibly, however, they may have been selected as appropriate, because of the tender vines that are growing up around the Mormon Temple, and that Salt Lake, which may be like the sea of Tiberias in the topography of Utah.

The same Grand Officers were re-elected.

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## VIRGINIA.

PROCEEDINGS of One Hundred and Second Annual Grand Communication, held at Richmond, December 8, 1879. Most Worshipful Brother BEVERLY R. WELLFORD, Jr., Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WM. B. ISAACS, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address, thus speaks:

"During the past summer I spent a day or two in the city of Philadelphia, when I had the gratification of visiting the magnificent Masonic Temple erected in the past few years by our Brethren of Pennsylvania. I was presented in a letter of introduction from our Grand Secretary to the venerable Brother, Right Worshipful JOHN THOMSON, who has for many years filled the office of Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and received from him and the Brother Grand Treasurer a most fraternal welcome. They placed me in charge of the Grand Tyler, who cou-

ducted me through the various apartments of the Temple, and gave me an opportunity of seeing the very handsome and elegant Lodge rooms occupied by the Grand Masonic Bodies of the State and the subordinate Lodges of the city. It is a noble building, and an architectural ornament of the City of Brotherly Love, which is second to none among its palatial edifices. As a monument to the zeal, energy and Masonic taste of our Brethren in Pennsylvania, and an evidence of their prosperity and capacity and efficiency to promote the great ends of our Institution, I trust it may long endure. On behalf of this Grand Lodge, no less than in recognition of my personal obligations, I desire to express to the officers of the Grand Lodge whom I met, acknowledgments of their kindness, and to assure them and the Brethren of their jurisdiction that it will be the pleasure of this Body to do all that in her lies in the practical observance of the tenets of Freemasonry to cement and perpetuate the ties of common brotherhood between us as Masons and as fellow-citizens."

We observe that Most Worshipful Brother PEYTON SKIPWITH COLES was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. B. ISAACS was re-elected Grand Secretary, and they were duly installed. We beg to be excused for a deviation from our accustomed rule in saluting, as we now do, most fraternally, the Brother who has just assumed the duties of Most Worshipful Grand Master of Virginia. Personally unknown to him, but Masonically his Brother, we read the name with feelings of singular gratification. The name he bears awakens remembrances in our mind of friends long gone, for whom we entertained the most profound affection. The names SKIPWITH and COLES take us back to earlier days and to happier times. May the Great Grand Master of the Universe strengthen in the heart of our distinguished Brother, reverence for those high virtues with which these names are ever associated.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from Right Worshipful Brother W. F. DRINKARD. Brother DRINKARD fully understands his business, and he thoroughly well performs it. His report is most admirable. We are glad to find that Pennsylvania comes into his report



at this time. So that now the luck is changed and we hope it will continue so with our distinguished and esteemed Brother DRINKARD. Will he permit us to tender him the assurance of our most fraternal regard.

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## VERMONT.

PROCEEDINGS of the Eighty-eighth Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vermont, held in Burlington, the 9th of June, 1880. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother LAVANT M. READ, presiding, and Worshipful Brother WILLIAM H. ROOT, Deputy Grand Secretary.

Grand Master READ presented his address, which is a well considered paper. In reference to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Master says :

### “ GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

“At our last annual communication I called your attention to the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in issuing warrants for the establishment of two new Lodges within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and recommended decisive action in the premises, but owing to some oversight, no action was then taken upon the subject. The facts are briefly these. At the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, two Lodges were working in that jurisdiction under warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, one of which took part in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Quebec ; the other, Elgin Lodge, still retaining its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. On the 6th day of January, 1877, a letter was written by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, under the direction of its Grand Master, addressed to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, stating that the Grand Lodge of Quebec was regularly and constitutionally formed on the 20th day of October, 1869, and ‘ has since that date been acknowledged and recognized very generally throughout the globe as a legally constituted Grand Lodge,

*having and exercising supreme jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec,* and asking recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. On the 7th day of May a letter was written by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, stating that at the Quarterly Communication held at Edinburg on the 5th day of February, the Grand Lodge of Scotland 'unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.' On the 4th day of October following, a letter was addressed to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, calling attention to the existence of Elgin Lodge, holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as inconsistent with the exercise of supreme jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and suggesting the propriety of directing Elgin Lodge to place itself under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and adding 'further, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is firmly of the opinion that such a step would prevent any possible conflict of jurisdiction, and tend greatly to promote harmony among Masons in this Province.' On the 3d day of December following, the Grand Lodge of Scotland withdrew its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, recalled its representative, and in June following, issued warrants to two new Lodges in the Province of Quebec: thus invading the territory within the jurisdiction of and holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in direct contravention of the universally recognized fundamental law governing the question of Masonic jurisdictions in America. The Grand Lodge of Scotland persists in this action, claiming the right to occupy the territory of Quebec at its pleasure. The Masonic law and usage upon this continent, governing the subject of territorial rights and jurisdictions, is too well understood by the members of this Grand Lodge to warrant any discussion upon the subject. Without expressing any opinion with regard to the allegiance due from Elgin Lodge, I have no hesitation in saying that the claim on the part of the Grand Lodge of Scotland that the Province of Quebec is unoccupied territory, in which the Grand Lodge of Scotland has a right to establish new Lodges, is arbitrary, unwarranted, and unjust. Such a claim, if established, will strike a death blow to the sovereignty of all Grand Lodges. As well might the Grand Lodge of Scotland claim Vermont to be unoccupied territory, and issue warrants for the estab-



lishment of Lodges within our own jurisdiction, as in the Province of Quebec. It seems to me that there is but one course in this matter for us to pursue, and that is, to insist without delay or qualification, upon the rights of our sister Grand Lodges, as we would upon the maintenance of our own rights, if similarly invaded. In view of all the facts, I can but renew my recommendation made last year, that all fraternal relations heretofore existing between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Scotland cease, until such time as the Grand Lodge of Scotland yields its claim of right to invade the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and withdraws its authority over Lodges existing in that jurisdiction."

The Grand Lodge adopted the following resolutions :

"We desire to endorse, in the strongest language, the sentiment expressed by the Grand Master relating to the Grand Lodge of Quebec; and the unwarranted invasion of its jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and offer the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Vermont affirms as unquestionable Masonic law, that an independent Grand Lodge, regularly formed and constituted in any political territory, has the undoubted right to *exclusive* Masonic jurisdiction throughout that territory; that the denial of this right is disloyalty to the principles of Masonic government as recognized by every Grand Lodge on this continent.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Vermont will sustain the Grand Lodge of Quebec in maintaining its exclusive jurisdiction over said Province.

"*Resolved*, That until the said Grand Lodge of Scotland recede from her present position, the Grand Lodge of Vermont decline to hold any fraternal intercourse with it and hereby withdraws all fraternal recognition of any Mason owing allegiance thereto."

We give the above extracts, first, because they express the doctrine of Grand Lodge sovereignty and exclusive jurisdiction in plain words, and second, because we in Pennsylvania have ever been the earnest advocates of these principles in Masonic jurisprudence. The assertion and maintenance of these opinions are demanded of the Grand Lodges of the Craft in the several States of the United States, as conserva-

tive of the fraternal relations that should ever exist between sovereign and supreme authorities.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was made by Right Worshipful Brother HENRY CLARK, its Chairman.

It is a very able paper. We do not agree, however, with the view of our esteemed Brother as to the foundation of Masonry in this country. It was not "founded in this country like our political institutions amid the stern concomitants of adversity and war," as we believe. Its principles like the dews of Heaven came over the hearts of the people of the land, and with them light and faith, and then the eternal principles of our Craft developed into a power.

We ask our esteemed Brother to accept this, not as a contradiction of his views, but rather as another explanation of an accepted fact.

We thank our distinguished Brother for his notice of "The grand old jurisdiction of the Keystone State." We rejoice that so able a critic as Right Worshipful Brother CLARK can say that the Proceedings of our Grand Lodge mark, by their solid and conservative character, a position for our Grand Lodge which has "given her a wide reputation the world over."

Brother CLARK quotes the report of the Committee on Landmarks by Right Worshipful Past Grand Master LAMBERTON, its Chairman, on the proposition to permit the members of a subordinate Lodge to require the Worshipful Master to call a special meeting of his Lodge.

The address of our Grand Master NISBET is quoted with marked approbation.

We beg to tender to our esteemed Brother CLARK our most fraternal salutations. Most Worshipful Brother LAVANT M. READ was re-elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother WM. H. ROOT elected Grand Secretary.



## WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

PROCEEDINGS of Twenty-third Annual Grand Communication, held at Olympia, Washington Territory, June 2, 1880. Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM McMICKEN, Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THOS. M. REED, Grand Secretary. The Grand Lodge was "called to order," we observe again. There were seven Past Grand Masters present. It was a pity they could not instruct the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master that he opens in "due form," and that a Grand Lodge is never called to order.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary read the Grand Master's address. His reference to the Grand Orient of France is admirable. There is nothing further that requires special notice.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is unique. We do not criticise it in any way—on the contrary. It is a very condensed and satisfactory review of all that is essential in the Proceedings of the several Grand Lodges under notice. We take leave to copy the "conclusion" of the report, which covers only seventeen pages, with no subdivisions of the Grand Lodge jurisdictions reviewed. But Right Worshipful Brother T. M. REED, in his "conclusion" seems to have selected the subjects, rather than the Grand Lodges, for special notices. But here is what he says in conclusion:

"And now a few thoughts more and our brief report must end. The more important matters, engrossing the attention of Grand Lodges, Committees on Correspondence, Jurisprudence, and the Masonic press, are: 1. The one to which we have given most attention herein—Grand Lodge Sovereignty and Exclusive Jurisdiction; 2. The *essentials* of Masonic Faith, morally considered, with respect to Freemasonry; 3. Physical Qualifications; 4. Perpetual and Personal Jurisdiction; 5. Compulsory Lodge membership; 6. Suspension for Non-Payment of Lodge dues.

"These, and other questions, many of which grow out of, or have a relative bearing upon those stated, are learnedly discussed and are receiving critical investigation by many

of the ablest and brightest intellects of this Masonic age. We cannot doubt that good results will follow. It is an ambition, worthy of all, to search the realm of Truth and reason, that the science and philosophy of Freemasonry be known and firmly established upon no uncertain basis; that its law and jurisprudence be logically consistent and made to serve its highest interest. Conflicts of opinion we may reasonably expect in all things, but there is one great line of Truth leading through the whole universe of thought; it travels over mountain barriers, unfrequented wildernesses, and unknown seas, as well as through the highly cultivated plains and prolific fields of knowledge. What we need is to clear away the *rubbish* in this grand work of projection till the circle of knowledge is complete. Long ages may elapse before this is fully accomplished; but the laborers are many and increasing. Two millions of Freemasons now find homes and habitations in all dwelling places of the globe, and with the increase from cycle to cycle, if but a reasonable portion do their duty, what grand results must be in store for the future? What an inspiring thought is that of this 'Universal Brotherhood.' Its fraternal cords bind the earth from North to South, and from East to West. Its signs, symbols, and mystic characters have an unmistakable significance and recognition everywhere, in all languages, so far as the human eye can reach or ear can hear. Freemasonry lives and prospers, sends 'Peace on earth and good will to man,'—and nowhere else perhaps more joyously and appreciatingly than in our own beloved land of the Free."

Yet we just ask the question, what our esteemed Brother means by "this Universal Brotherhood." We assume it is *The Fraternity of Freemasons*, which to us sounds at least more perfect in all its members.

Most Worshipful Brother LOUIS SOHNS, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS M. REED, Grand Secretary.

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## WEST VIRGINIA.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Ravenswood, West Virginia, December 27, 1878, for the purpose



of dedicating the new Lodge room of Ashton Lodge, No. 12, Right Worshipful Brother JOHN H. RILEY, as Grand Master, and Worshipful Brother WARREN MILLER, as Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at the hall of Berkeley, in the town of Hedgesville, May 3, 1879, held to lay the corner-stone of a Masonic Hall, Most Worshipful Brother H. H. FLICK, as Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother CYRUS H. WAYBLE, as Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Special Communication, held at Hedgesville, November 1, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES J. FAULKER, Jr., as Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother CYRUS H. WAYBLE, as Grand Secretary, held for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall in Hedgesville.

PROCEEDINGS of the Fifteenth Annual Grand Communication held at Masonic Hall, City of Wheeling, November 11, 1879, Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE BAIRD, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother ODELL S. LONG, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master takes high ground in the opening paragraphs of his address, which we quote as follows :

“ Another year, filled with joys and sorrows, with hopes fulfilled and desires unsatisfied, with work completed and duties neglected, has been added to our Masonic calendar, and at its close we are again assembled in Grand Communication to review its record, and aided by our experience, to consult together and take such action as to us may seem best for the advancement of the interests of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction.

“ Before entering upon our duties would it not be well for each and every one of us to examine himself and try to ascertain if he has lived up to his profession as a Mason during the past year. Have we been mindful of the great trusts of our profession and tried to inculcate the practice of them? Have we in the exercise of brotherly love been ever ready and willing to stretch forth our hands to sustain a falling Brother—to admonish him of his error and aid a

reformation in him? Have we been ever ready to go on foot and out of our way to the relief a distressed Brother, and have we paid the attention to the widows and orphans of our deceased Brethren we should have done? Have we been free from hypocrisy and deceit, never speaking evil of our Brother and his family, nor permitting others to do so in our presence? Have we been straightforward in our dealings with each other—neither defrauding one another, nor permitting others to do so, if we were able to prevent it? In short, have we endeavored to discharge our three great duties as Masons, viz: to God, our neighbors and ourselves?

“Doubtless we have all been more or less remiss in our duties, but let us, Brethren, in so far as we have failed in our Masonic obligations to each other in the past, resolve that from this time forward we will endeavor to avoid a repetition of our offences, and that, aided by the care and guidance of our Supreme Grand Master, we will endeavor to discharge faithfully and fully the duties and responsibilities allotted to each one of us, and that the end of another year will find us better Masons and better citizens than the close of this.”

Having given the opening remarks of our Most Worshipful Brother, we venture to copy the closing paragraphs:

#### “ CONCLUSION.

“ This, Brethren, is a statement of my official acts for the Masonic year that is about to close, and is presented for your consideration with the hope that it may meet with your approval.

“ In closing my official relations with you as Grand Master, I would beg leave to direct your attention to a matter, which has, for sometime, seemed to me to be a growing evil, in some parts of our jurisdiction; and also one, upon which your Grand Body cannot legislate. It is presented here now more with the hope that Masons, who are engaged in it may be induced to pause and reflect and of themselves make a change than with any desire to have your Grand Body attempt to legislate upon it. The subject referred to is the gradual overshadowing of both Lodge and Chapters by the Commanderies. The ideas seems to be slowly, but surely, taking possession of the minds of large numbers of our members, that to be a Sir Knight is the whole end and aim of



Masonry, that in Templarism is the realization of everything great and good pertaining to the Order. And the unfortunate Brother, who through poverty or lack of opportunity has failed to become entitled to "wield his sword in defence of innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans and the Christian religion," is being gradually taught to feel that his Masonic life has been a failure, and that his longer continuance in membership in the Fraternity can hardly be tolerated. The Lodges are looked on as organizations for preparing recruits for the Commanderies and the initiate is solicited to go into a certain Commandery before he has learned enough of Masonry to be passed to the Degree of F. C. While having fresh in his mind the statement of the Worshipful Master that Freemasonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise remain at a perpetual distance, his attention is drawn to that, which he is told is the highest branch of the Order, which being confined to believers in the religion of Christ excludes all others except these believers and *divides* instead of uniting men of different sects and opinions.

"A Sir Knight dies and at once an application is made by the officers of his Commandery to obtain possession of his remains, for what? to have greater respect paid to his memory than can be done by Brethren of the Lodge? Not at all. But to enable the Sir Knights to appear before the outside world in all the grandeur of black uniforms and white feathers, with swords buckled to their sides and preceded by a band of music, to impress the public with a due sense of their importance as the representatives of all that is to be desired in Masonry. It is seldom that prior to his death a Sir Knight is the recipient of Masonic relief from the valiant and magnanimous Sir Knights of his Commandery, but the humble and despised Lodge, in fulfillment of her Masonic obligation, performs that duty, and is frequently compelled to yield her wishes in the matter of following to the grave the remains of the Brother she has nursed and cared for before death. It is safe to assert that for one dollar expended by the Commanderies in the interests of benevolence and charity, fifty dollars are spent in public parades and foolish endeavors to impress upon the world at large how essential they are to the very existence of Freemasonry. This is not written from any unkind feeling towards the Commanderies, nor from any feeling of jealousy of them or



their members, the writer being among the oldest members of that branch of the Order in this city, having been made a Sir Knight between twenty and thirty years ago; but it is written because he knows that the course pursued by some of our Commanderies is doing harm to Freemasonry in this State. Brethren whom I know to be zealous and devoted Masons, who have the best interests of Masonry at heart, and who are anxious to check, if possible, a steadily increasing evil, have appealed to me to try and do something to stay it. One Brother writing during the past year about a proposed display by the Knights Templar, said, 'why this vain display? Why spend so much money in a foolish effort to glorify and exalt one branch of our Order to the injury of the other two? Why not save the money and expend it in "deeds of more exalted usefulness?" Why not try to make good the claim that as valiant Sir Knights, their well earned fame has spread both far and wide for acts of charity and pure beneficence.' "

These utterances of the Grand Master seem to have exhausted all notice of subjects other than those connected with the Grand Lodge. There is no report from Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN W. ARBUCKLE was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother O. S. LONG, Grand Secretary.

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## WISCONSIN.

PROCEEDINGS of a Special Grand Communication, held at Milwaukee, June 29, 1879, at the office of the Grand Secretary; Most Worshipful Brother C. F. G. COLLINS, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN W. WOODHULL, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master stated the Communication was held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Hospital at the Soldier's Home. Past Grand Master JEDD P. C. COTTRILL made the address on the occasion. It was short and appropriate.



PROCEEDINGS of Special Grand Communication, held at the office of the Grand Secretary, Milwaukee, October 30, 1879; the Most Worshipful Grand Master presiding, and Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH HAMILTON, as Grand Secretary.

This Communication was called for laying the corner-stone of the building for the Chamber of Commerce, for that city. The address was delivered by Brother, the Hon. HENRY L. PALMER, Past Grand Master. The portion of his address which referred to Freemasonry, contains nothing new in itself, and the rest of the address has reference to the purpose for which the buildings are associated.

There was a Special Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge held September 23, 1879, at Milwaukee, to install the Officers of a subordinate Lodge, Past Grand Master PALMER, presiding; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN W. WOODHULL, Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of Thirty-sixth Annual Grand Communication, held at the office of the Grand Secretary, at Milwaukee, June 8, 1880; Most Worshipful Brother COLLINS, Grand Master, presiding; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN W. WOODHULL, Grand Secretary.

The address of Grand Master COLLINS has nothing special to notice.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a special report as to Colon and Cuba, with congratulations on the settlement of their difficulties. That is all the report Right Worshipful Brother WOODHULL, Chairman of the Committee, has given us in these Proceedings, there being no general report from that Committee. We very much miss the general report of our highly esteemed Brother WOODHULL. We are satisfied that by this time he has learned to spell our name, and we frankly tell him we have learned to respect and esteem him, not however therefor.

Most Worshipful Brother EMMONS E. CHAPIN, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother JOHN W. WOODHULL, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## WYOMING.

PROCEEDINGS of Fifth Annual Grand Communication, held at Laramie City, Wyoming Territory, October 14, 1879; Most Worshipful Brother JAMES H. HAYFORD, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WM. G. TOMM, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is short. He says the black-ball is not used enough, and he thinks they ought to introduce more social and convivial features into Lodge meetings. He thinks we owe it to ourselves to make our institution respected by the profane. His remarks are timely and appropriate.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a special report, in which they state that the question between the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Indian Territory had been settled amicably; refers to Minnesota and Dakota Territory; speaks of Manitoba hopefully; is not able to recognize the Grand Lodge of New South Wales until she is recognized by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland; says the "Grand Lodge of Quebec has our sympathy in her present troubles;" and condemns the Grand Orient of France.

There is no general report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence; but a most admirable oration from the Grand Orator.

The same Grand Officers were re-elected.

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NOTE.—We have received a personal letter from Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM OFFICER, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Lodge of SCOTLAND, which we fraternally acknowledge. Also one from Right Worshipful Brother AURELIO ALMEIDA, Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, stating under the seal of that Grand Lodge, dated April 7, 1880, that Most Worshipful Brother ANTONIO GOVIN was elected Grand Master, and the Right Worshipful Brother AURELIO ALMEIDA, Grand Secretary; and Brother HEINRIQUE A. LECERFF was appointed Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence.



## CONCLUSION.

We have concluded our labor for this year. The hours devoted to it have been well spent. The pleasure derived from reading the views and opinions of our esteemed and distinguished Brethren who represent our sister Grand Lodges, has fully repaid the time occupied. There is so much to rejoice the true Mason in the addresses of the Most Worshipful Grand Masters, the orations of Grand Orators, and the carefully thought-out criticisms of the Chairmen of Committees on Foreign Correspondence, that he who fails to find a reward in the performance of the duty of "Committee on Correspondence," would be better pleased with "the work of the floor." Possibly such an one, if such an one there be, is a materialist, or he might prefer to "quarry stone," or cut the timber, or float it to its destination, or carve the ornamentation of the Temple.

We delight in the quiet investigation of the mental labor of our Brethren of the Committees on Correspondence. We salute them individually, in concluding this report, with the assurance of our fraternal affection. We do not bid them, farewell. No! there is to us no sweet sorrow on parting from them, even for a season,—it is best expressed, as a temporary, but sincere regret.

During all these hours (and there have been very many of them) we have been engaged in the work of examining and noticing the Proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges, and commenting on the reports of our Brethren, the Committees on Correspondence, in these various jurisdictions, we have been aided by the ability, Masonic learning, and sound judgment of our W. Bro. MACCALLA. We owe him the most

generous expression of our personal and Masonic gratitude. Our only regret is, that it cannot be expressed in words. If by the use of these tools, however, we could cut in indelible letters the phrases expressive of this deserved acknowledgment, we would be satisfied as we finish this report.

RICHARD VAUX, P. G. M.,

*Chairman Committee on Correspondence.*

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.

*St. John's Day, A. L. 5880.*





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